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FOR

# SOCIAL AND FAMILY WORSHIP

FOR THE USE OF

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## NOTE.

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In some cases passages of considerable length have been quoted from these sources, and in others only single expressions; while in the process of arranging the services and prayers, passages which were continuous in the original have been broken up and transposed, so that they can with difficulty now be traced.

The thanks of the Committee and of the Church are due to those who have kindly permitted their works to be used for this purpose.

# PREFACE.

THE General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has for many years authorised the publication, under the title of 'Aids to Devotion,' of three small volumes—viz., 'Prayers for Social and Family Worship,' an abridged edition of the same for the use of Soldiers and Sailors, and 'Prayers for Family Worship.'

The first two of these are intended specially for the use of members of the Church of Scotland who are deprived of the ordinary services of the Christian ministry, and the third is for general use.

These Books of Devotion have met with favourable acceptance, and have had a large circulation. They have been carefully revised from time to time by the Committee on Aids to Devotion.

What was best in former editions has been carefully preserved in this edition of 'Prayers for Social and Family Worship.'

The prayers have been rearranged and shortened. Many of the best prayers, both ancient and modern, which form the devotional heritage of the Church of Christ, have been incorporated, so that variety of devotional expression may give truer utterance to the varied feelings, and may better meet the varying spiritual wants, of those who will use these volumes in many lands.

The experience of those best acquainted with the spiritual wants of our people abroad has shown that unless consecutive services for use in Hospitals, in the Sick-room, and at the Burial of the Dead are provided, the published Forms of other Churches are used; while these Forms, however beautiful, do not quite commend themselves to the religious feelings of Scottish Presbyterians.

The prayers for such occasions have therefore in this edition been arranged as special services, which can be conveniently read by any one.

The Children's Services are entirely new, and meet a felt want in the Church.

The prayer of the Committee is, that these books may be real aids to devotion, and that by the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, they may tend to foster pure spiritual life in many souls among the people of God scattered throughout the world.

*By Authority of the Committee,*

JOHN PATON, D.D.,
*Convener.*

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# Forms of Social Worship

FOR THE

# Mornings and Evenings of Five Sundays.

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"The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."—JOHN iv. 23, 24.

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."—HEBREWS iv. 14-16.

# First Morning Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm or Hymn.*

*Then may be read the following, or some other appropriate verses from Holy Scripture.*[1]

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

LET US PRAY.

MOST gracious God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hearest the prayers of Thy people, when they come unto Thee in the name of Christ, who has promised that wherever two or three are gathered together in His name, there He will be in the midst of them.

[1] *This applies to the verses at the beginning of each of the Services.*

For Thy mercies' sake, O God, enable us to utter the prayer of faith; calling upon Thee in sincerity, and asking for things in accordance with Thy will.

We are not worthy so much as to lift up our eyes to the place where Thou dwellest, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. We have grievously offended Thee by innumerable transgressions of Thy holy law. We have left undone the things which Thou hast commanded, and done the things Thou hast forbidden. We have sinned against conscience and abundant grace.

O God, we have no hope but in Thy tender mercies, and in the merits of Jesus Christ Thy Son; and we humbly beseech Thee freely to pardon our sins, and to give us the assurance that Thou art in Him our reconciled Father.

Holy Father, graciously vouchsafe to give us Thy Spirit. Renew us after Thine own image in righteousness and true holiness, and shed abroad Thy love in our hearts.

Dispose us to a cheerful discharge of the duties of our stations in life, and daily increase in us those graces and virtues that are necessary to the faithful performance of the work Thou hast given to us to do.

Above all, fill us with an ardent love to Thee our God, and to our Saviour Jesus Christ, through the Holy Ghost the Comforter, that we may live in the light of that love, and be conformed to Thy holy will in all things, so that at last we may come to Thine eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

*Here, and at the end of all the Prayers, let those present say Amen.*

*Then may be read or chanted*

PSALM XXV.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed; let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.

Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will He teach sinners in the way

The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease; and His seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring Thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

Consider mine enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in Thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on Thee.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

*Here may follow the portions of Scripture for the day from the Old and New Testaments, as marked in the Table at the end of this book. Between the portions and after the second portion, a Psalm or Hymn may be sung.*

## Let us Pray.

THINE, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine: Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all, and in Thy hand is power and might; and in Thy hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name.

We thank Thee that Thou hast appointed holy ordinances, whereby we Thy children, while strangers

and sojourners in this world, are reminded of Thee and of the heavenly country; and we humbly pray Thee to enable us so to use these appointed means of grace, that we may render unto Thee the sacrifice of holy lives.

Bless, we beseech Thee, the reading of Thy holy Word, and enlighten the eyes of our understanding to the knowledge of Thy divine precepts.

We pray that Thy Word everywhere may have free course and be glorified; that the Church of Christ may be purified and extended; and that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of Thy truth.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*[1]

*Here may follow a Sermon; or, if there be no Sermon, one or other of our Lord's discourses, or other large portion of Holy Scripture.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

### Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast made known to us in Thy Son the fulness of all blessing and glory, grant that we may ever continue grounded and settled

[1] *It is recommended that the congregation join in repeating the Lord's Prayer, wherever it occurs.*

in Him, and that, relying on Him as our Mediator, we may yield ourselves to Him with full confidence of heart, and so strive to glorify Thee in Him, and Him in Thee, throughout our whole lives, that at last we may be made partakers of that heavenly glory which He hath purchased for us with His most precious blood.

O God, who hast taught us that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; we entreat Thee to give Thy blessing to all rulers and magistrates. Especially, O Lord, we beseech Thee to bless his most sacred Majesty King Edward the Seventh. Protect his person; prosper his government; and greatly enrich him with all heavenly gifts.

We pray for her gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the other members of the Royal Family.

We pray for all set in authority in the realm [and especially for those in this colony],[1] that faithfully serving Thee, they may enjoy Thy blessing, and may advance the public good.

We pray for all soldiers and sailors, beseeching Thee to guide and strengthen them evermore; to defend them in times of danger; to shield them in the day of battle, and to grant them victory over all their enemies. Make them faithful unto death, and finally give them the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[1] *This and other passages within brackets may be read or omitted, according to circumstances.*

O CHRIST, Thou great Head of the Church, hear us when we pray for Thy Church on earth; thanking Thee for that great multitude of the redeemed whom Thou hast already gathered into Thy kingdom, and beseeching Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect. Guide by Thy Spirit those whom Thou hast appointed pastors, that they may ever be found faithful in promoting Thy glory and the salvation of men. Grant that those who are yet strangers to Thy Gospel may, by the preaching of the Word, be brought to the knowledge of the truth; and that those who know Thee may grow daily in all heavenly wisdom and godliness. May Thy love, O Christ, be in their hearts, constraining them so to live that men may be blessed, and the kingdom of heaven advanced.[1]

God of all comfort, we commend unto Thee all those whom Thou hast in any wise afflicted; all nations visited with pestilence, famine, or war; all persons suffering from poverty, sickness, bondage, or other distress, whether of body or of mind; and we beseech Thee to show them Thy fatherly kindness, and to overrule all these evil things for their good, to the end that, turning with their whole hearts unto Thee, they may receive perfect consolation now, and in Thy good time full deliverance from all their troubles.

Give us all, O God, Thy Spirit, and a comfortable sense of the presence of Christ among us, that we may know Thee, in Christ, to be our Father and our

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God, and may thus be enabled to serve Thee truly, and for evermore.

We ask these blessings for ourselves and for all our brethren, in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

### Collection.

*At every meeting for Public Worship, a Collection should be made for the Poor, or for some Church purpose.*

*Here may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# First Evening Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm or Hymn.*

Thus saith the Lord, I have heard thy prayer.

Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the God of love and comfort, we approach the throne of Thy grace with reverence and fear, asking of Thee mercy and protection, pardon and salvation.

O God, we are sinners, but sorrowful and repenting: Thou art justly offended at us, but yet Thou art our Lord and Father, merciful and gracious.

Be pleased to blot our sins out of the book of Thy remembrance, and to heal our souls, that we may nevermore sin against Thee. Make us diligent in the use

of the means of grace, attentive to the reading of the Word, earnest in prayer, and faithful in attendance on public worship. Give us healthful and chaste bodies, pure and holy minds, sanctified and humble spirits; and let our bodies, souls, and spirits be presented holy and unblamable and unreprovable in Thy sight, O Lord.

We thank Thee, that of Thy great goodness Thou art ever inviting us to repentance, and showing Thyself ever ready to forgive. And we pray that Thou wouldst not suffer us, through our perverseness, to receive Thy grace in vain; but that Thou wouldst teach us heartily to submit to Thee, sorrowing grievously for all our past offences, cherishing a sincere desire for true godliness, and striving, throughout our whole lives, to do those things that are pleasing in Thy sight.

God of all grace, who hast called us out of darkness into Thy marvellous light, and caused us to be numbered with Thy people, for whom Thou hast prepared a kingdom in the heavens; grant, we beseech Thee, that, ever mindful of our high calling, we may pursue our earthly pilgrimage, looking upward unto Thee as becometh those who are heirs of everlasting life.

Enrich us with Thy Holy Spirit. Illuminate our minds in the true understanding of Thy Word, that, receiving into our hearts with humility and reverence the truth which Thou hast revealed, we may be led to place all our trust in Thee, and may live in Thy service and worship, to the glory of Thy holy name.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, and graciously accept us, through Jesus our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

*Then may be read or chanted*

## Psalm xxiii.

THE Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## Psalm xxiv.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein:

For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek Thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

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## Let us Pray.

MOST gracious God, the source of all blessedness, we give Thee thanks for the manifold mercies which Thou art continually bestowing upon us. We bless Thee that Thou not only providest all things needful for us in this present life, but that Thou art also pleased to nourish our souls unto that better life, which is revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be guided in ways of righteousness. Defend us in soul and body from all evil. Take us into Thy good keeping all the days of our lives, and ever increase in us the gifts of Thy grace, until we be perfected in the glory of Thy Son Jesus

Christ, who shall replenish our souls with His everlasting light and gladness.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

*Here may follow a Sermon; or, if there be no Sermon, one or other of our Lord's discourses, or other large portion of Holy Scripture.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast kindled among us the light of Thy heavenly truth, and art daily inviting us to receive salvation, grant that we may not shut our eyes, nor close our ears, nor harden our hearts against Thee; and as Thou art ever calling us to Thyself, may we earnestly seek to follow hard after Thee, and persevere in the course set before us, until we are received at last into that heavenly kingdom which Thou hast purchased for us by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ Thy Son.

BLESSED be Thou, O God and Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ, who according to Thine abundant mercy hast begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved for us in heaven. Grant, we beseech Thee, that having this hope in us, we may set our affections on things above, and not on things on the earth, and seek to be holy in all manner of conversation; desiring to walk worthy of God, who hath called us unto His kingdom and glory; and giving thanks unto Thee, O Father, who hast made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.[1]

We pray, O heavenly Father, in the spirit of Christ, for all our brethren of mankind. Be pleased to make known the way of salvation to all who now sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, that they may come forth into light, and may by faith receive the life eternal. Bring Thine ancient people Israel, with the fulness of the Gentiles, into the Church of Christ. Raise up, we beseech Thee, faithful ministers of Thy Word to proclaim the glad tidings of the Gospel in heathen lands, and so guide the Christian Church that it may be the means of the conversion of the world to Thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Make the congregations of the Church of Christ on earth faithful, zealous, and patient in well-doing, and bind them together in the unity of truth and

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love, that they may accomplish the work of Christ in the world. Grant a special blessing of comfort and strength to scattered communities of Thy people in distant lands. May the consolation of Thy Word be theirs, and may their faith and their hope in Thee keep them safe amid all their trials.

Bless lonely Christian families and solitary followers of Christ. Suffer them not to forget Thee, nor to neglect to worship and serve Thee, their heavenly Father, but teach them that Thou art nigh, and that Thou art keeping them though they may be far from the help of man.

O Thou who art the King of kings and Lord of lords, bless, we pray Thee, our native land, and all who dwell therein. Bless our King and all the Royal Family; all nobles, rulers, and judges in this land, and all persons in stations of trust and influence. May a holy fear of Thee, O God, prevail among the people, and be the strength and blessing of the nation.

BE pleased in Thine infinite mercy to comfort all whom Thou hast visited with any kind of tribulation. Grant them patience under their trials, and bring them in Thy good time out of their afflictions.

O GOD of peace, who broughtest again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, do Thou make us perfect in every good work, to do Thy will, working in us that which is well-pleasing

in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory for ever and ever. —*Amen.*

### Collection.

*At every meeting for Public Worship, a Collection should be made for the Poor, or for some Church purpose.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Second Morning Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm or Hymn.*

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, most merciful Father, we, Thine unworthy children, desire at this time to worship Thee according to Thy will. Be pleased to lift up our thoughts and affections to Thyself. And because we have need continually to crave many things at Thy hands, grant us the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may ask such things as shall please Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are not worthy to come into Thy presence. We have sinned against Thee, O Lord, and grieved Thy Holy Spirit. We have not loved Thee with a pure

heart fervently. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with Thee our God. We have known what is right, and yet we have not always done it.

O God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who hast loved us, and given Thine own Son to be the propitiation for our sins, show us Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation. Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions, but according to Thy mercy remember Thou us, and for Thy goodness' sake pardon and bless us.

O God, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his wickedness and live, incline our hearts to turn unto Thee. Cause Thy face to shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

By Thine almighty power, and infinite wisdom, O God, be Thou pleased to reveal Thy Son to us, that we may know Him to be our all-sufficient Saviour. Enable us, through Him, truly to repent of all our sins.

Fill our hearts with such a zeal for Thy glory, that our constant endeavour may be to serve and worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Deliver us from the wiles of the devil, the snares of the world, the evil desires and affections of the flesh, and from all that may in any wise hinder us in Thy service. May Thy Holy Spirit take such full possession of our hearts that the whole course of our lives may be ruled and guided by His power. And grant that the rest of our time in this world may be so spent in Thy fear and service, that we may end our lives in Thy favour, and finally come to Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ

our Lord; to whom, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, both now and for ever.—*Amen.*

*To be read or chanted*

PSALM VIII.

O LORD our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands: Thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

*Here may follow the portions of Scripture for the day from the Old and New Testaments, as marked in the Table at the end of this book. Between the portions and after the second portion, a Psalm or Hymn may be sung.*

### Let us Pray.

HONOUR and praise be to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, for all Thy mercy and loving-kindness shown unto Thy people. We thank Thee for creating us after Thine own image; for redeeming us when we were lost, with the precious blood of Thy beloved Son; for sanctifying us with Thy Holy Spirit through the revelation and knowledge of Thy Word; for helping us in all our necessities; for saving us from dangers of body and soul; for comforting us with Thy fatherly pity in all our tribulations; for giving us so long a time of repentance; and for enabling us, the living in the land of the living, to praise Thee as we do this day.

These benefits, O most merciful Father, we have received of Thy goodness alone. We beseech Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake, to grant us always Thy Holy Spirit, that we may continually grow in grace and in thankfulness to Thee. Lead us into all truth; strengthen our faith; and animate us with a more fervent love to Thee, and to our fellow-men.

GRACIOUS GOD, in whom alone dwelleth all fulness of light and wisdom, illuminate our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of Thy Word. Give us grace to receive it with reverence, and humility, and faith unfeigned; and enable us so faithfully to obey it, that by our godly lives we may edify our brethren, and glorify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy

name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

*Here may follow a Sermon; or, if there be no Sermon, one or other of our Lord's discourses, or other large portion of Holy Scripture.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.*

## Let us Pray.

MOST gracious God, our heavenly Father, who hast permitted us once more to join together in Thy worship, we beseech Thee that here and everywhere throughout the world this day a blessing may follow the services of Thy Church. Suffer us not to receive Thy Word in vain; but grant us at all times Thy gracious aid, that in thought, word, and deed we may glorify Thy name.

O LORD, who hast taught us to make our prayers and supplications for all men: we beseech Thee to lead all such as are yet ignorant, from the captivity of error, to the pure understanding of Thy heavenly truth; that they and we, with one consent and unity of mind, may worship and serve Thee, our only God and Saviour. Help Thy people everywhere, that by their labours, their prayers, and their gifts they may advance the kingdom of the Re-

deemer; and hasten the time when all men shall be blessed in Him, and all nations shall call Him blessed.

We pray for the good estate of the one holy Catholic Church, the company of faithful persons throughout the world who love the Lord Jesus Christ and keep His commandments. Bless and long preserve the Church of Scotland. Defend it against all enemies without and within, by Thy mighty aid.

Give grace to all ministers and missionaries of Christ, to whom Thou hast committed the ministry of the Word and sacraments, that they may be found faithful in life and doctrine, and be the means of bringing many souls unto Thy kingdom, to the glory of Thy name.

O God, who hast the hearts of rulers in Thy hands, we beseech Thee to direct and govern all kings, rulers, and magistrates.

Especially do we beseech Thee to bless our Sovereign King Edward the Seventh. Let Thy fatherly care preserve him, and Thy Holy Spirit govern his heart. Bless the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family.

May it please Thee, O God, to defend and bless the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with all its colonies and dependencies. Grant that the power and influence which Thou hast committed to our nation, may be used not for ourselves alone, but for the promotion of Thy glory, and for the good of all mankind.

Give, we beseech Thee, to the Queen's Ministers and Counsellors, to the nobles and representatives of the people in Parliament, to the magistrates and judges, and to all that are invested with lawful

authority, a spirit of wisdom, and of judgment, and of the fear of the Lord.

[We especially implore Thy blessing on this colony in which our lot hath been cast. Give grace to Thy servant, who in our Queen's name administers the Government amongst us, and to all subordinate magistrates and rulers, that they may execute their office for Thy glory and for the public good; and that we, under them, may lead quiet and peaceful lives, in all godliness and honesty.]

We pray for our sailors and our soldiers, for all who travel by land or by sea, for all at this moment in extremity of danger, and for dear friends in distant lands.

We pray on behalf of our universities and schools, that the teachers may be wise and faithful, and that the youth intrusted to their care may grow in learning and in piety.[1]

O God, the refuge of them that put their trust in Thee, our strength in weakness, our very present help in trouble, we beseech Thee for all such as are in any way afflicted with war, plague, or famine; with sickness, poverty, bereavement, or any other kind of chastening, whether it be pain of body or unquietness of mind; that it may please Thee to give them patience and constancy until Thou send them full deliverance from all their troubles. Most earnestly do we plead with Thee, O Lord, for those that are nigh unto death; that by Thy grace Thou wouldst prepare them for their great and solemn change. And, rejoicing in the communion of saints, we thank

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Thee for all Thy servants who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear, especially for those dear to our own hearts; and we give Thee thanks for our good hope in Christ, that Thou wilt keep them in rest and peace until our common perfecting in bliss in the day of the glorious resurrection. O Thou hope of the sons of men, accomplish the number of Thine elect, and hasten the day of Thine appearing.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that where even two shall agree as touching anything that they shall ask, Thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.—*Amen.*

### Collection.

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## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Second Evening Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

We have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

LET US PRAY.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord; hear us, for we are poor and needy. Rejoice the souls of Thy servants; for unto Thee do we lift up our souls. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we present ourselves before Thee trusting not in our own worthiness, but in Thy manifold mercies. We thank Thee

that Thou hast promised to hear our prayers, for the sake of Thy beloved Son; and hast also commanded us in His name to meet together, and given the assurance that He will be in the midst of us.

Wherefore we beseech Thee, most gracious God, to look down upon us in pity. Cast us not out of Thy sight on account of our manifold transgressions, which deserve Thy wrath; but graciously receive us for the merits of Jesus Christ, in whom Thou art ever well pleased. For His sake, let it please Thee to remember us with the favour which Thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit us with Thy salvation.

Enable us to love Thee, the Lord our God, with all our heart, and soul, and mind, that we may give ourselves wholly to Thy service; and graciously cause Thy Holy Spirit so to dwell in us, that all our thoughts, and words, and deeds may be to the praise and honour of Thy name. May our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify Thee, our Father in heaven.

O God, who hast called us of Thy free grace to be heirs of Thy heavenly kingdom with Jesus Christ Thy Son, let it please Thee to increase our faith and knowledge, and so to enlighten our minds and sanctify our hearts, that we may steadfastly walk before Thee in all holiness, and finally receive an entrance into Thy kingdom of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant also, O Lord, that we may be nourished by Thy goodness with all things which thou knowest to be needful for us, and may be enabled to use Thy gifts with contentment and thankfulness. And because we are so frail and prone to evil, and so constantly beset by our spiritual foes that we cannot

stand in our own strength, we earnestly beseech Thee so to arm us with Thy grace, and to strengthen us with the might of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may withstand all temptation, and finally obtain the victory over all our enemies.

Hear these our humble prayers, O God, we beseech Thee, and send us Thy gracious help at this time, that we may sincerely worship Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end.—*Amen.*

*To be read or chanted*

PSALM XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun;

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the

heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes:

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is Thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

*Here may follow the portions of Scripture for the day from the Old and New Testaments, as marked in the Table at the end of this book. Between the portions and after the second portion, a Psalm or Hymn may be sung.*

## Let us Pray.

WE adore Thee, O God, as the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for the revelation which Thou hast made of Thyself, and of Thy holy will in the written Word, and in Christ Himself, the living Word, and the life and light of men. And now we pray Thee of Thine infinite mercy to cause the pure light of

divine knowledge so to shine in our hearts, and so to open the eyes of our understanding, that we may comprehend the precepts of the Gospel of Christ. Plant in us also, we beseech Thee, the holy fear of Thy blessed commandments, that, trampling upon all carnal lusts, we may seek a heavenly citizenship, both saying and doing always such things as shall please Thee.

Help us also, we beseech Thee, to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. In whatsoever calling we are called, enable us therein to abide with Thee; not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rendering unto all their dues; providing things honest in the sight of all men; doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with Thee, our God. And let our rejoicing be the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have our conversation in the world.

O LORD our God, who knowest that we have daily need of Thy divine aid and guidance in our pilgrimage, dispose us, with true humility, to rely on the teaching of Thy Word and the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Convince us of our own ignorance and blindness; cause us ever to have recourse to Thee, lest in any way we be seduced by the wiles of the tempter or the wickedness of ungodly men; and so direct us in our course, that we may at last come to that heavenly glory which hath been obtained for us by the blood of Thy beloved Son.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who hath taught us thus to pray:—

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

*Here may follow a Sermon; or, if there be no Sermon, one or other of our Lord's discourses, or other large portion of Holy Scripture.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.*

## Let us Pray.

O LORD our God, whose mercy is without measure, and the truth of whose promise abideth for ever, remember Thy word unto Thy servants, on which Thou hast caused us to hope, that if we, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto our children, much more will our heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. Grant us, we pray Thee, this great gift, that being taught of Thee, as the truth is in Jesus, we may be made wise unto salvation, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Perfect that which is lacking in our faith; fill us with all joy and peace in believing; strengthen us with might according to Thy glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; and make us to increase and abound in love, one toward another, and toward all men; to the end that Thou mayest stablish our hearts unblamable in holiness before Thee at

the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.[1]

Bless, we humbly pray Thee, the King, the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Give Thy grace and guidance to all who are invested with lawful authority.

Father of mercies, we implore Thy tender compassion for all whom Thou hast visited with any manner of trial. Relieve the destitute; heal the sick; protect the friendless; comfort the bereaved; support the dying, and prepare them for their change. Give to all Thine afflicted ones abundant consolation, and a good hope through grace; and cause Thy fatherly chastening, though for the present grievous, to yield unto them afterwards the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

We pray for our kindred, our friends, and our benefactors, that they may prosper in all things, and be in health, and above all, that their souls may prosper. We pray also, that Thou wouldst grant Thy forgiveness to such as have in any way injured us, and that Thou wouldst enable us from the heart to forgive them.

Bless us in all the works of our hands. Guide and sustain us amidst the perplexities of business, and make us heartily content with whatsoever in Thy providence Thou art pleased to send.

Be Thou our defender in all our temptations; and uphold us by Thy merciful hand, that we, being delivered from all evil, may end our lives in the sanctifying

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and honouring of Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour.—*Amen.*

### Collection.

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## Blessing.

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# Third Morning Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm or Hymn.*

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are, and were created.

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn unto Thee and live; and hast sent Thine only and well-beloved Son to suffer the cruel death of the cross, that by Him we may have access to Thy throne of grace; we desire now to approach Thee in His holy name, acknowledging Thee to be our God and heavenly

Father, and desiring to render unto Thee the praise and the worship of faithful servants, and loving children.

O most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before Thee that we are sinners, and that, without Thy grace, there can be in us no goodness.

We lament the unbelief and blindness of our minds, the hardness and impenitence of our hearts, our ingratitude for Thy mercies, our distrust of Thy promises, our lukewarmness in Thy service, and our barrenness in good works. In many things we have offended Thee, doing that which Thou hast forbidden, and leaving undone that which Thou hast enjoined.

Nor have we sinned only through ignorance and infirmity, but also presumptuously, against the light of Thy truth, the checks of our own consciences, and the influences of Thy Holy Spirit, so that we have no cloak for our sins. But yet, O Lord, we are encouraged to approach Thee with the hope of a gracious answer to our prayer, when we plead for pardon. We trust in the sufficiency of that one sacrifice which Thy beloved Son hath offered for us on the cross, and in the efficacy of that intercession which He ever liveth to make for us in heaven.

For His sake we humbly beseech Thee to enable us truly to repent of all the sins which we have committed against Thee, to remove far from us Thy wrath, and to bestow upon us Thine unmerited mercy, in the free and full remission of all our sins.

Let it please Thee also, O Lord, to shed abroad Thy love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit; granting us, if it be Thy holy will, to know that we are Thy reconciled children in Jesus Christ.

And O Thou Christ, our God and only Redeemer, who art Thyself the fulness of the law and the prophets, and who dost accomplish all the dispensation of Thy Father's will for our salvation, fill our hearts with joy and gladness alway, now and for evermore.—*Amen.*

*Then may be read or chanted*

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts: and I will declare Thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power;

To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

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## Let us Pray.

O LORD our God, Father everlasting and full of compassion, hear, we beseech Thee, from heaven Thy dwelling-place, our prayers and our thanksgivings, which we now pour forth before Thy throne of grace.

Glory be unto Thee our God, because Thou didst create us in Thine image. Glory be to Thee our God, because Thou hast called us unto Thyself in Christ. Glory be to Thee our God, for any faith, or hope, or love that is in us. Glory be to Thee for the strength we have in Christ, and for any power we possess to work for Thee. Glory be to Thee for any peace we have in believing, and for the glorious promise of eternal life. All that we have is Thine. Glory be to Thee, O God, for all things. And may Thy children in Jesus Christ live for ever to Thy praise.

Grant to us, O most merciful Father, thankful hearts for these Thy manifold loving-kindnesses. Open our mouths to praise Thee, and to offer that thanksgiving wherein Thou dost delight. Lead us away from those sins and follies which hinder us from rendering unto Thee the glory which is Thine. Guide us into all truth, and keep us in the paths of righteousness. Give us Thy Holy Spirit in rich measure, and renew our wills, so that in all time to come we may be able to overcome the evil that tempts us in this world, and to present ourselves continually a living sacrifice unto Thee; consecrating to Thy glory both soul and body with all their powers.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who on the first day of the week didst raise up Thy Son from the dead and give Him glory, that our faith and hope might be in Thee through Him, quicken us also, this Lord's Day, we beseech Thee, by Thy mighty power, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, and cause us to set our affections on things above; so that we may at the last day have part in the resurrection of the just, and in the glory of

Thy heavenly kingdom, whither Jesus the Forerunner is for us entered, where also He liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, God blessed for evermore.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

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### Let us Pray.

O GOD, who hast caused the light of Thy Word clearly to shine among us, and hast plainly instructed us in the way of salvation, let it please Thee to cause the light from heaven so to shine into our hearts and minds, that we may possess the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Cause the Gospel of Christ to come to us, not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; and enable us to receive it, not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, Thy Word, O living God, which worketh effectually in them that believe.

Enable us all, O Lord, daily to increase in the knowledge and love of Thee our God, and of Thy Son Jesus Christ. O make us every day more and more zealous in the duties of religion; more frequent and more fervent in our prayers and thanksgivings; more serious in our repentance and humiliations; more desirous and better fitted to take part in all holy ordinances, and more regular and exemplary in our lives and conduct.[1]

O God our Father, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and who hast commanded us to love the brotherhood and to fear Thee, enable us in the bonds of true charity to pray for all our brethren of mankind.

Bless them, O God, that bless Thee. Sanctify them that put their trust in Thee. Save Thy people and bless Thine heritage. Guard, with care, the fulness of Thy Church. Hallow those that love the beauty of Thy house. Glorify them with Thy glory. Give Thy peace to Thy world, to Thy Churches, and to Thy ministers, because every good gift cometh down from Thee, the Father of light.

Grant, O Lord, that the whole world may be enlightened with the knowledge of Thy saving truth, and that Thy kingdom of grace may so universally prevail over all the earth, that Thy kingdom of glory may be hastened, and that Thy will may be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Bless Thy people in this place and neighbourhood. May they ever be faithful to Thee, in sympathy with Christ their Redeemer and great example; and pure

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and true, with the power and glory of the Holy Spirit resting upon them.

Be very gracious to the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to the Empire of India, and to all the British colonies and dependencies [and more especially to this colony in which we dwell]. Reserve to us unimpaired our liberties and privileges. Continue the light of Thy glorious Gospel among us, and help us all to walk as children of the light.

Bless, we pray Thee, our gracious Sovereign King Edward the Seventh, Queen Alexandra, the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the other members of the Royal Family. Make them true members of the household of faith, and heirs of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Enlighten and direct, by Thy heavenly wisdom, O God, we beseech Thee, all persons set in authority; all nobles, rulers, and judges in the realm; and enable them, in their various stations and offices, to advance Thy glory and the public good.

Bless, we pray Thee, the British navy and army. May it please Thee to strengthen and protect all who serve therein, and to make them, under Thy will, the means of preserving peace and defending liberty.

Guide and protect all who travel by land or sea, all exiles, all emigrants, and all who are solitary and desolate. Cheer them with a comfortable sense of Thy presence. Bless the poor, the sick, the aged, the bereaved, the careworn and weary, those in trouble of mind, and those appointed soon to die; O God, they are Thine, and for them Christ has died. For His sake sustain and comfort them, and give them a speedy issue out of all their troubles, and provide for them a place in the heavenly rest.

Bless those who are harassed, and worn by business, and impoverished in spirit by the anxieties of earthly cares. Lift them up and strengthen their faith, and enable them all to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, trusting that all things needful will be added unto them.

Hear these our humble prayers, O God most high, pardon their imperfections, and grant us an answer in peace. Take us all into Thy gracious keeping. Lead us all forward and upward by the power of Christ dwelling in us. Teach us that we are Thine, and heirs of the heavenly kingdom; and enable us all to press toward the mark for the prize of Thy high calling; and finally, through the abounding merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord, give us a place in the eternal glory; and to Thee the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we ascribe all honour and glory, world without end.—*Amen.*

### Collection.

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*Then may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Third Evening Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm or Hymn.*

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

## Let us Pray.

O GOD, who art a Spirit, and who wouldst be worshipped in spirit and in truth, give us, we beseech Thee, the dispositions of true worshippers, and let our humble endeavours in Thy service be aided by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and accepted through the mediation of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and only Saviour.

GREAT art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; Thy greatness is unsearchable. Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone: Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host; the earth, and all things

that are therein; the seas, and all that is therein; and Thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth Thee. Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy.

Merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before Thee that we are poor and miserable sinners, who, by transgressing Thy holy commandments, have provoked Thy wrath and incurred Thy just judgment.

We humbly make confession of all our sin. O God, have mercy upon us; O Christ, have mercy upon us; O Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us. Grant us free absolution and release from all our past sin. Give us strength in every present moment to keep us from disobedience to Thy will, and grace to help us in all future time, that we may sin no more.

From all sins of the spirit and of the mind; from all sins of the heart and of the flesh; from all sins of motive and of desire; from all sins of memory and imagination; from all sins of the tongue and of the hand; from all sins of habit and of will; from all sins of carelessness and of folly; from all sins against our own souls, against our neighbours, and against Thee, O God, be Thou pleased to deliver us.

Save us, O our God, from sin and death; and mercifully grant us holiness unto life eternal. Make us holy, because Thou art holy.

Let Thy goodness lead us to repentance. And since Thou hast dealt so mercifully with us, grant that, with godly sorrow for our past sins, we may henceforth yield ourselves up to Thy service, and steadfastly follow the course Thou hast set before us; until,

all our works in this life being ended, we come at length to that blessed rest, which Thine only-begotten Son hath prepared for us in heaven.

Teach us, O God, we beseech Thee, to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour.—*Amen.*

*Then may be read or chanted*

PSALM LXXXIV.

HOW amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

They go from strength to strength; every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

*Then may be read the portions of Scripture for the day from the Old and New Testaments, as marked in the Table at the end of this book. Between the portions and after the second portion, a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn may be sung.*

## Let us Pray.

MOST gracious God, who hast not only bestowed on us many good gifts for the nourishment of our bodies, but hast also provided for us all things necessary for the spiritual life and welfare of our souls, we pray that, receiving such bounty at Thy hands, we may learn to acknowledge and adore Thee as our Father in heaven. We thank Thee that it hath pleased Thee to send into our world Jesus Christ Thy Son, to reveal Thy will to the children of men. We thank Thee that He has come to give life to them

that were dead in trespasses and sins; to give light to those that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to be the way whereby those who have gone astray may return unto Thee. We thank Thee that He came to bring life and immortality to light, and that we have heard the glad tidings of His Gospel. And now, O God, our prayer to Thee is, that we may be able to accept the gifts He offers, so that we may die unto sin and live unto Thee, to the praise of Thy great name for ever.

O LORD, who hast deigned to instruct us by Thy heavenly doctrine, dispose us with meekness and humility to learn of Thee. Open our hearts to receive in a teachable spirit whatsoever Thou art pleased to declare to us in Thy Holy Scriptures. Rejoicing in Thee as our Father, may we greatly delight in those blessed testimonies which Thou hast therein given of Thy fatherly grace and favour. Let Thy Word be precious to us. Incline us earnestly to desire it, and feed upon it, until we obtain that fuller satisfaction which Thou art reserving for us in the presence of Thy glory.

Grant, we beseech Thee, these our humble petitions, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who hath taught us to pray, saying:—

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

*Here may follow a Sermon; or, if there be no Sermon, one or other of our Lord's discourses, or other large portion of Holy Scripture.*

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who shinest upon us in Thy Word, to reveal the way of salvation, grant that we may behold and receive Thy truth. And as by nature we are blind, open our eyes, we beseech Thee; and let the inward light of Thy Spirit lead us to the clear shining of Thy Word. Suffer not the flame of faith, once kindled in our hearts, ever to be extinguished; but do Thou continually feed and sustain it; until at length we shall see Thee face to face, in the fulness of Thy glory.

O GOD, be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us: that Thy way may be known upon earth; Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy; for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.[1]

Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good

[1] *Here may be introduced any Special Prayers, either extemporaneous or from the "Occasional Prayers and Thanksgivings" at the end of this book.*

and perfect gift, be pleased, we pray Thee, to bless Thy Church on earth; and grant unto all preachers and ministers of Thy Word the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, and to all Thy children grace, that they may believe unto salvation, and persevere in holiness unto the end. Bless the faithful and the strong. Confirm the fearful and the wavering. Grant to the seekers after truth that they may find in Christ the way, the truth, the life. Remove the doubts of the doubting; and cause by Thine almighty power the glory of the kingdom of Christ to prevail everywhere among the children of men.

Hear us, Thou King of kings and Lord of lords, when we pray for blessings for the nation to which we belong.

Let Thy grace be poured out on the British Empire and its colonies. Abundantly bless our King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, together with all who are invested with lawful authority.

Extend Thy pity unto all afflicted persons, who are visited with poverty or sickness, or any other distress, whether of body or of mind. Grant them constancy and patience under all their trials, and send them, in Thy good time, a happy deliverance out of all their troubles.

O God, who carest for all men, visit, we pray Thee, this congregation, and those among whom we dwell, bestowing on us Thy favour and blessing. Instil into our minds a reverence for the truth. Graft into our hearts the love of Thy name, nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.—Amen.

### Collection.

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## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Fourth Morning Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm or Hymn.*

Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed. O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.

## Let us Pray.

O LORD our God, who art greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Thee, incline Thine ear to the voice of our supplications, and give us grace that we may serve Thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear.

Holy, holy, holy art Thou, Lord God of hosts; the whole earth is full of Thy glory. Thou hast prepared Thy throne in the heavens, and Thy kingdom ruleth over all. Thou doest according to Thy will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay Thy hand, or say unto Thee,

What doest Thou? All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord, and Thy saints shall bless Thee. They that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee; for Thou hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, Judge of all men! we acknowledge and lament in Thy sight that we are miserable sinners. We have broken Thy holy law, times and ways without number. We have despised Thy mercy. We have walked after the course of this world, and fulfilled the desires of our own wicked hearts, and by manifold thoughts, words, and works, we have grievously offended Thy holy majesty.

O heavenly Father, we condemn ourselves for these our misdeeds. And most humbly do we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our only Mediator, to show Thy mercy upon us, and to forgive all our offences. Be pleased also to increase in us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that, acknowledging from the heart our own unrighteousness, we may henceforth not only mortify our sinful affections, but also bring forth such good fruits as may be agreeable to Thy most blessed will.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast redeemed us to Thyself with the precious blood of Thy dear Son, grant that, being bought with such a price, we may live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us; and grant that, consecrating ourselves entirely unto Thee, we may render a cheerful obedience to Thy holy commandments.

Teach us at all times in faith to look up to Thee, committing ourselves to Thy fatherly care, that Thy Spirit may guide and rule us to the end. And do Thou ever uphold and defend us, until, having glorified Thee upon the earth, and finished the work Thou hast given us to do, we shall finally obtain an inheritance in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee, O Father, and with the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, both now and for ever.—*Amen.*

*Then may be read or chanted*

PSALM LXXXVI.

BOW down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul, for I am holy: O Thou my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto Thy works.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord; I will walk in Thy truth: unite my heart to fear Thy name.

I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify Thy name for evermore.

For great is Thy mercy toward me; and Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul, and have not set Thee before them.

But Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thine handmaid.

Show me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed; because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

*Then may be read the portions of Scripture for the day from the Old and New Testaments, as marked in the Table at the end of this book. Between the portions and after the second portion, a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn may be sung.*

## Let us Pray.

THOU, O Lord, hast commanded us to come into Thy courts with praise, and to enter Thy gates with thanksgiving. Therefore do we now approach

Thee, the God of our fathers, and our God, to bless Thee; and to worship Thee, the Lord, the King of glory.

We would give thanks unto Thee always for all things; for all that we have is Thine, and we ourselves are Thine. All times and seasons are in Thy hands, and eternity is Thine. We thank Thee for our creation and preservation. We thank Thee for Thy long-suffering of our sins, and for our redemption in Jesus Christ. We thank Thee for the promise of pardon to the penitent, and for the hope of glory which by Thy grace is unto those who are in Jesus Christ. We thank Thee that Thou hast caused Thy people to triumph over their spiritual enemies, and given them the heavenly strength which cometh by the Holy Spirit. We pay our vows unto Thee, O Lord, with thanksgiving and songs of praise; and we beseech Thee to make us worthy of Thy great goodness, and zealous continually to glorify Thee with our bodies and with our spirits, which are Thine. Glory be unto Thee, O God most high!

Hear us, O Christ, the everlasting Son of the Father, and come in Thy power into our hearts. Thou great Light of the world, illuminate our minds, and constrain us to love and believe the truth as revealed in Thee unto life everlasting.

Come, O Holy Spirit, descending from the Father and from the Son, and quicken us in all just desires and holy aspirations, leading us to discern the heavenly wisdom; and strengthen us, that we may ever live pure and holy lives, and may thus be fitted at last to enter the kingdom of the just made perfect in glory.

Now blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things; and blessed be His glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

*Here may follow a Sermon; or, if there be no Sermon, one or other of our Lord's discourses, or other large portion of Holy Scripture.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

## Let us Pray.

O LORD GOD, most high, we desire to thank Thee for that revelation of Thyself which Thou hast been pleased to make to us in Jesus Christ Thy Son, and in His glorious Gospel. We thank Thee for the written Word, and specially for its teaching and comfort at this time.

Enable us to receive into our minds and hearts its divine and saving truth; and make it fruitful in all our lives.

Confirm us, O Lord, that we may ever stand im-

movable in our fidelity to Thee, the God of our salvation. Let Thy mighty arm be still our defence; Thy mercy and loving-kindness in Jesus Christ our salvation; Thy true and holy Word our instruction; and Thy grace and Holy Spirit our consolation. Building ourselves up on our most holy faith, and praying in the Holy Ghost, may we keep ourselves in Thy love, O God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.[1]

O Lord our God, who hast taught us to offer prayers and supplications for all men, we make our requests to Thee, not only for ourselves, but also for all classes and conditions of the human race.

We pray for the spread of the Gospel among all nations; for the conversion of the Jews; the enlightenment of the Gentiles; the downfall of all error, idolatry, and superstition; and the speedy and universal triumph of the Redeemer's kingdom.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to guide Thy Church with Thy perpetual governance, that it may walk warily in times of quiet, and boldly in times of trouble. Preserve in it the unity of the faith, the gladness of a good hope, and the power and gentleness of the charity which is the gift of Jesus Christ.

O God, who rulest over all nations, setting up one and bringing down another according to Thy will, look down with favour, we beseech Thee, on the British Empire, with all its colonies and dependencies. [Bless more especially this colony in which we dwell.] Promote all its interests, both civil and re-

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ligious, and grant that the manifold privileges we enjoy may continue unimpaired to the latest generations.

We pray for all who are in authority, especially for the King's Majesty, that Thou wouldst enrich him with all heavenly blessings. Protect his person; prosper his government; and make him an honoured instrument in Thy hand for the preservation and diffusion of Thy truth.

We pray for the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, that they may be enabled to adorn their exalted station with the virtues of a godly and religious life. Bless and guide all in authority in the empire, and grant that the whole community under them may lead quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty.

We commend our army and navy to Thy protection, beseeching Thee to support them in all hardships, and to grant them defence and deliverance in all perils.

We pray for all ministers and teachers of Thy Word, that Thou wouldst be pleased to fill them with Thy Spirit.

We pray for all universities and schools, that they may flourish more and more in learning and in piety.

Father of mercies, we earnestly commend to Thee our brethren who are in any wise distressed. Deliver all who are exposed to danger by sea or land. Heal the sick. Comfort the sorrowful. Provide for the destitute. Protect and befriend the helpless. Be a father to the orphan, and a husband to the widow. Dry up the tears of the bereaved. Support the dying, and prepare them for their change.

Prepare us all, O God, we beseech Thee, for death,

judgment, and eternity. Let our loins be ever girt, and our lights burning, and we ourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord.

Be pleased to pardon the iniquity of our holy things, and grant that these and all our services may be acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

### Collection.

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*Then may be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Fourth Evening Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm or Hymn.*

In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

LET US PRAY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst in the beginning create the heavens and the earth, and hast established righteousness by a law in all that Thou hast made, we thank Thee for this day of rest and worship. We bless Thy name that it reminds us of Him who was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, that He might turn every one of us away from his iniquity, and give us eternal life.

We thank and praise Thee, O Thou Lord of all, for Him who, coming in the likeness of sinful flesh, condemned sin in the flesh, and who now dieth no more, but is exalted a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and remission of sins. We thank Thee that

in Him all things are become new, and that those who are His are renewed in the spirit of their mind in righteousness and true holiness.

Enable us, O Lord our God, as those who are alive from the dead, and who are renewed in the spirit of their minds, to worship and glorify Thy name.

Our souls would magnify the Lord, and our spirits would rejoice in God our Saviour. For He that is mighty hath done to us great things, and holy is His name.

Be pleased, O Lord, to receive us graciously for Christ's sake. Let Thy fear be upon us. Let Thy Spirit be helpful to us. Let Thy Word come to us in power, and be received in love. Dispose us to be fervent in prayer, and joyful in Thy praises. And enable us to serve Thee without distraction, and make it good for us to draw near unto Thee.

O GOD, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but hast promised mercy, through Thy beloved Son, unto all that truly repent and believe in Him; we confess before Thee that we all have sinned, and come short of Thy glory. We have broken Thy laws, which are holy, and just, and good. We have been unthankful for Thy benefits.

We have slighted the calls and offers of Thy grace. We have loved the creature more than the Creator; and have cared and laboured for the meat that perisheth, more than for that which endureth unto eternal life. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbours, not loving them as ourselves, or doing to them as we would that they should do to us.

We have been neglectful of the government of our own hearts; and the sins which we ought to have hated and shunned, we have oftentimes committed in Thy sight, both secretly and openly, ignorantly and knowingly, rashly and presumptuously, against Thy promises and Thy threatenings, Thy mercies and Thy judgments. Verily our transgressions are multiplied before Thee, and we need Thy mercy. If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? but there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared.

Holy Father, we beseech Thee to convince us more and more of our sinfulness, and to lead us to that fountain which Thou hast opened for sin and for uncleanness; that we, being thoroughly cleansed from all iniquity, may serve Thee as a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Remember not against us former transgressions; remember Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been of old.

Cast us not away from Thy presence, O Lord; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Look not on the sins which we continually commit. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed, that we by His mediation and intercession may be reconciled unto Thee, our Father and our God.

May it please Thee also to take us henceforth under Thy heavenly guidance and protection. Teach us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee, that Thou mayest direct our paths. In whatsoever state Thy providence hath placed us, enable us therein to walk with Thee in newness of life. Dispose us heartily to trust in Thy fatherly care, meekly to receive the instructions of Thy heavenly wisdom, and earnestly to strive that,

not only in our outward deeds, but in our inward thoughts and affections, we may be devoted to Thy service.

Grant also, O Lord, that, thus walking in Thy fear, we may be daily supplied, through Thy goodness, with all things which Thou knowest to be expedient for us. And seeing Thy care of us, let us be the more disposed to acknowledge Thee as our loving Father, and, withdrawing all vain confidence from the creature, to place our trust only in Thy most bountiful mercy, and to look for all good things from Thee alone.

We thank Thee that Thou art inviting us at this time to hear Thy Word, and to join in Thy service; and we pray that Thou wouldst enable us to give earnest heed to the truths which Thou hast revealed for our salvation, and to persevere in the obedience which Thou requirest, until, all our works in this life being ended, we come to the rest which remaineth for Thy people in heaven.

Give ear, O God, to the voice of our supplications, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our strength and our Redeemer.—*Amen.*

*Then may be read or chanted*

PSALM XCVI.

O SING unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

Before the Lord; for He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.

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## Let us Pray.

IN the midst of the congregation will we praise Thee, O God, our strength and our deliverer. Thou art good. Thy mercy is everlasting. Our

fathers trusted in Thee; they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them. Thou art the refuge and strength of Thy people in all generations; and we ourselves have received by Thy grace daily tokens of Thy love. Therefore would we join together in rendering thanks unto Thee.

We thank Thee for our creation, our preservation, and redemption. We thank Thee for the pardon of sin, for the gift of holiness, and for the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. We thank Thee for the written Word, for holy ordinances, and for power to render unto Thee reasonable service and spiritual worship. We thank Thee for the power of Christ, and of the Holy Spirit given unto us, whereby we can live before Thee as heirs of Thy kingdom, and give Thee glory. We bless Thee, O God. We will make the voice of Thy praise to be heard. We will declare what the Lord hath done for our souls. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

O God, Thou source of all spiritual light, send, we humbly pray to Thee, the true light of Thy Gospel to shine among us, that we may discern clearly Thy will for our salvation.

We beseech Thee, Lord, open Thy heavens; thence may Thy gifts descend to us. Open our hearts; thence may our thanks go back to Thee. May Thy throne be laid open to us, while we receive the benefits which we implore; may our minds be laid open to Thee, while we render the service which is enjoined to us.

Look down from heaven, O Lord; behold and visit this vine which Thy right hand has planted.

Strengthen the weak, relieve the contrite, confirm the strong. Build them up in love, cleanse them with purity, enlighten them with wisdom, keep them with mercy.

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, who didst lay down Thy life for the sheep, defend Thy people redeemed with Thy most precious blood. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, seek for the lost, convert the wandering, bind up that which is broken. Put forth Thine own hand from heaven, and bless the soul of each one here. May they feel the touch of Thy hand, and receive the joy of the Holy Spirit, that they may remain blessed for evermore.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

*Here may follow a Sermon; or, if there be no Sermon, one or other of our Lord's discourses, or other large portion of Holy Scripture.*

## Let us Pray.

O GOD, the fountain of all truth and holiness, in whom to believe is to have life eternal, let Thy grace descend with power into our souls, bringing every vain imagination and proud thought into the obedience of Christ.

Make us to be holy as Thou art holy, merciful as Thou our heavenly Father art merciful; that passing from sin to grace, we may pass from death to life, from sorrow to joy, from earth to heaven, through the merits of our blessed Redeemer.

Assist, preserve, pity, and protect us, O Lord, for Thine is the mercy, and the power, and the glory.[1]

O God, who art One, and true, we humbly beseech Thee that the one true faith which is in Jesus Christ, and is acceptable to Thee, may continue for ever in us all.

Bless the Church of Christ throughout the world. Remove from it all those heresies and divisions whereby it is weakened and disturbed. And raise up everywhere faithful ministers of Thy Word.

Grant, in Thine infinite mercy, O God, that a saving knowledge of Thy Gospel may spread through all the world.

Bless all nations, we beseech Thee, and guide by Thy Spirit all who govern therein. Give special grace to our Sovereign King Edward the Seventh, and those who under him bear authority among us.

We pray for the British Empire and all its colonies [more especially for this colony in which we dwell]. May it please Thee, O God, to continue our privileges; to increase our trade; to bless our husbandry; to preserve our peace; to defend our liberties, and above all, to diffuse among us more and more the knowledge and practice of pure and undefiled religion, and to make

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us distinguished for that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

We pray for our friends, that Thou wouldst befriend them; for our benefactors, that Thou wouldst reward them; for our enemies, that Thou wouldst forgive them, and enable us to forgive them from the heart.

We commend to Thine almighty guardianship all who are exposed to danger by sea or land, beseeching Thee to deliver them from all their perils.

Be pleased to comfort all whom Thou hast visited with any kind of tribulation or distress; the poor, the sick, the sorrowful, and the dying. Grant them continued patience, and meek submission to Thy holy will; and cause all the dispensations of Thy providence to work together for their everlasting good.

Prepare us, O God, for every event that may befall us. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Seeing that the time is short, dispose us to weep as though we wept not, to rejoice as though we rejoiced not, to buy as though we possessed not, and to use this world as not abusing it, because the fashion of this world passeth away. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Guide us by Thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us into glory.

And now, Lord, what wait we for? our hope is in Thee. Be pleased to accept our worship; to forgive our sins; and to grant us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, whatsoever good things we have asked of Thee in His name.

God of all grace, who hast called us unto Thine eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us perfect; stablish, strengthen, settle us; that in all things Thou mayest

be glorified, through Jesus Christ; to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

### Collection.

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*Then may be sung a Psalm or Paraphrase or Hymn.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Fifth Morning Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

## Let us Pray.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we, Thy children, come unto Thee at this time, in obedience to Thy call. We desire to worship and serve Thee according to Thy will, with loving adoration, and lowly reverence. Teach us how to pray to Thee, and how to hear Thy Word, that we may truly glorify Thee, our Father in heaven.

Grant, O God, that we may be able to know Thee as Thou hast revealed Thyself in Jesus Christ Thy

Son; and be Thou pleased to send down upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may truly believe in Thee through Christ, and may be able to live upon the earth as Thy true children.

We confess, O God our Father, all our sins against Thee. It is against Thy pure and holy law that we have rebelled. It is against Thy great love that we have sinned when we have disobeyed Thee. It is Thy mercy that we have misused when we have been careless and foolish. We acknowledge our transgression; and our sin is ever before us. Against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight.

We confess ourselves to be unworthy of the least of Thy mercies. There is a law in our members warring against the law of our minds; we abhor not that which is evil, neither do we cleave to that which is good. Our souls are disquieted by vain thoughts, and our hearts perplexed by worldly cares. We are too much under the influence of things seen and temporal, too little under that of things unseen and eternal.

O God most merciful and mighty, be pleased to convince the world of sin, and to turn sinners to Thyself from their ways of misery and death. Grant forgiveness, and grace to live a pure and holy life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Enlighten the blind eyes of unbelievers, and reveal to them that there are better things than those which perish in the using. Reclaim the wicked, and cause the power of sinful passion everywhere to cease. Lift the clouds of doubt and error from the minds of those who have not found Thy truth, and encourage all who with much fear and trembling are yet seeking after Thee. May

Thy truth, O Lord, prevail in its saving and glorious power.

O God, cause Thy light to shine upon Thy Church, bringing spiritual health and heavenly brightness.

Give ear, we pray Thee, to these our humble petitions, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, our Lord and only Saviour.—*Amen.*

*Then may be read or chanted*

PSALM CIII.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known His ways unto Moses, His acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide; neither will He keep His anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth:

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

*Then may follow the portions of Scripture for the day from the Old and New Testaments, as marked in the Table at the end of this book. Between the portions and after the second portion, a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn may be sung.*

## Let us Pray.

WE praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting. We adore Thee as the God of nature and of grace, and the Giver of all good.

We thank Thee for all Thy gifts unto us Thy children, and specially we praise Thee, O God, for that unspeakable gift which we have received in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. We thank Thee for His coming from heaven to earth, for His works of mercy and His words of wisdom, for His sufferings and atoning death, for His resurrection and ascension to heaven, and for His intercession for His people before Thy throne. We thank Thee that through Him there is given to every penitent believer pardon of sin, and the hope of a glorious inheritance in Thy kingdom.

O God of our salvation, enable us to praise Thee with joyful lips, and out of the fulness of hearts made glad by our reconciliation unto Thee. And to this end enlighten our darkness; increase our faith; shed abroad Thy love on our hearts; subdue our evil passions and affections, and make us altogether Thine.

Make us holy. Bring us in faith and love nearer to Thyself. Prepare us for that better world, where the praises of Thy people shall never be interrupted by sin, or grief, or fear, or discord; but where our worship shall be perfect, to our joy and Thy glory.

Impress upon our minds the truth of Thy Word. Teach us to understand it, to receive it, to delight in it, to meditate on it day and night, and to order our

walk and conversation in accordance with its holy precepts. Let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in our hearts, to witness with our spirits that we are Thy children; to sanctify us wholly, to fit us for Thy service, and to prepare us for the glorious inheritance of Thy children redeemed by Jesus Christ. Implant Thy fear within us; write Thy law within us; make Thy grace at all times sufficient for us; cause us to love Thee, to trust in Thee, to cleave to Thee, and, whatsoever we do, to do it to Thy glory.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

*Here may follow a Sermon; or, if there be no Sermon, one or other of our Lord's discourses, or other large portion of Holy Scripture.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.*

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, praising Thee for the grace which bringeth salvation, we beseech Thee to perfect Thy strength in our weakness. Fulfil in us all the good pleasure of Thy goodness, and the work of faith with power. Help us to advance from strength to strength, to know the power

of the resurrection of Christ, and to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Sustain and comfort us, O God, amid all the sorrows and uncertainties of this mortal life, by the hope of that blessed rest that remaineth to the people of God. Be with us in all that we undertake, and grant that we may do nothing on which we cannot ask Thy divine and fatherly blessing.

Preserve us all, O Lord, night and day, as we pass through the perils of this life, and prepare us for a hopeful and peaceful death, and a glorious eternity, through Jesus Christ our strength and our Redeemer.[1]

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hast determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation, hear us, we beseech Thee, when we pray for all men, asking for them the gifts of Thy heavenly grace; and for all nations, asking for them Thy favour and protection.

O Lord, guide and bless Thy people. Cause the light of Thy great love to shine upon those who now know Thee not, and finally bring all mankind to a saving knowledge of Thyself, through Jesus Christ Thy Son.

Bless the Church of Thy dear Son, O Lord, we pray Thee.

May Thy redeemed ones within the Church be kept pure and true, that by their means men may be called out of darkness into the marvellous light, and

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may be saved, and made glad with the joy of Thy children.

We pray for a blessing upon all pastors, missionaries, and teachers in the Church. Make them faithful, patient, loving, and hopeful, that they may edify Thy Church, and convert the world unto Thee, through the power of Jesus Christ the Lord.

We pray for the British Empire, with all its colonies and dependencies.

Bestow Thy blessing on our gracious Sovereign King Edward the Seventh. Protect his person, and prosper his government.

Regard with Thy favour the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family.

Guide with Thy wisdom the Counsellors of the nation, and all our magistrates and judges.

We pray for the British army and navy. Shield them, O Lord of hosts, in days of battle and in hours of peril. Make them strong to defend the right; and keep them faithful unto Thyself as true men in Jesus Christ.

Father of mercies, have pity on those who are visited with any kind of trouble or affliction. We commend to Thee the widow, the orphan, the poor, the stranger, and the friendless; all who are in peril; all who are in sickness or sorrow; and all who are drawing near unto death. Comfort and relieve them according to their necessities, and sanctify to them all the dispensations of Thy providence.

O God, giver of all good, we look up to Thee for the supply of our daily returning wants. Bestow upon us needful sustenance and contentment therewith. Send us favourable weather and fruitful

seasons. Abundantly bless our provision, and satisfy our poor with bread.

Now unto Thee, O God, who art able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Thee be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.—*Amen.*

### Collection.

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## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Fifth Evening Service.

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*The Service may begin with singing a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who inhabitest eternity, but dwellest also with the humble and contrite spirit, we come at Thy call to worship at Thy footstool. Give us, we pray Thee, the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that our worship may be according to Thy divine will. We come before Thee, confessing our sinfulness. We are not worthy to take Thy holy name into our sinful and polluted lips. We come,

owning our unworthiness and sin, and pleading with Thee to hear us for Christ's sake, and by Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify us in body, soul, and spirit, as we make our approach unto Thee.

Bless to us the use of Thy holy ordinances at this time, and grant that they may strengthen us for our work in this world, and prepare us for Thy heavenly kingdom.

We come before Thee, our great Lawgiver and heavenly King, confessing that we have broken Thy holy and just commandments, times and ways without number. Righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of face, because of our trespasses which we have trespassed against Thee.

Wherefore, O God, we humbly beseech Thee to extend towards us the forgiveness of sins, through the blood of Jesus our Lord. For His sake be merciful to our unrighteousness, and remember our iniquities no more. And forasmuch as without Thy grace we are not able to do any good thing, work in us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy compassion to increase our faith in Thee our Father, in Jesus Christ our Redeemer, in the Holy Spirit our Comforter, and in all Thy truth.

Confirm, O Lord, we pray Thee, the hearts of Thy children, and strengthen them with the power of Thy grace; that they may both be devout in prayer to Thee, and sincere in love for each other.

Show the light of Thy countenance upon us, that the going forth of Thy Word may prove light and understanding to nourish the hearts of the simple;

and that while our desire is set on Thy commandments, we may receive with open heart the spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Father of mercies, and God of all grace, who hast called us unto Thine eternal glory by Christ Jesus, help us to walk worthy of our calling by seeking those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand. Make us followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. And whatsoever our hand findeth to do, teach us to do it with all our might, remembering that the night cometh when no man can work.

O God, be pleased to enlighten our minds as we are now met together to worship Thee, and to learn Thy holy will; and grant that no temptation may hinder us from profiting by Thy blessed Word, which is able to make us wise unto salvation.

These our humble prayers we present unto Thee, our God, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thine only and well-beloved Son, our Saviour; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and praise for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

*Then may be read or chanted*

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts: and I will declare Thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O God; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power;

To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

*Here may follow the portions of Scripture for the day from the Old and New Testaments, as marked in the Table at the end of this book. Between the portions and after the second portion, a Psalm or Hymn may be sung.*

## Let us Pray.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

The heavens declare Thy glory, O God, and the firmament showeth Thy handiwork. The earth also is full of Thy goodness. Thou rulest over all, and Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. We would praise Thee, O God, for Thy goodness, and for Thy wonderful works to the children of men.

What shall we render to Thee, O God, for all Thy benefits? Thy goodness hath created us; Thy bounty hath sustained us; Thy fatherly discipline hath chastened us; Thy patience hath borne with us; Thy love hath redeemed us. Verily, we are not worthy of the least of Thy mercies. Justly mightest Thou forsake us, as we have forsaken Thee; and condemn us, whose conscience condemns ourselves. But who can measure Thy goodness, who givest all, and forgivest all!

O Lord, open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise. Give us a heart to love and serve Thee. And enable us to show our thankfulness for all the goodness and mercy Thou hast conferred, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to Thy blessed will.

O God, with whom is light and truth, show us, we most humbly pray Thee, the way of life. Guide us that we may not err therefrom, and enable us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

May Thy Spirit convince us of our sin, and lead us to the cross of Christ, that we may be forgiven. May He teach us to love holiness, that we may manifest its beauty in our lives, and may grow in the likeness of Christ, and receive at last an entrance into glory.

Continue to us, we beseech Thee, Thy loving-kindness, that we may rejoice and be glad in Thee all our days. Supply all our need according to Thy glorious riches; and make all grace to be multiplied towards us, that we always, having sufficiency in all things, may abound unto every good work. Teach us also to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, to make our requests known unto Thee. And may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver

us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

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## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who by Thy merciful providence defendest all those that put their trust in Thee, give to all Thy Christian people Thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive the holy Word, and may truly serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives.

O Lord our God, give us faith in Christ, and in His finished work for our salvation. O God, suffer not our faith to fail; but strengthen it continually, that it may be the means in us of a perfect life in Christ. May we be made pure in Thy sight by the sacrifice of Christ, and thenceforth be holy indeed, and truly Thine. Hallow our souls and our bodies by this our sacrifice, and guide our steps into the paths of righteousness, that we may observe Thy holy commandments, and do them, all the days of our life, and come to a blessed end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.[1]

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Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men, we humbly beseech Thee to accept our worship at this time, and to receive these our prayers which we offer up unto Thee through Christ; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and to grant that all they that do confess Thy holy name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in peace and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all ministers and missionaries in the Church of Christ, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy ordinances and sacraments.

Save and defend, we beseech Thee, O God, all Christian kings, princes, and governors, and specially Thy servant, our Sovereign, King Edward the Seventh, her gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all peers, representatives of the people, judges, and magistrates, within this realm. Grant that all these Thy servants may truly, and without respect of persons, administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of true religion and virtue.

We most humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, and those who are appointed soon to die.

And we bless Thy holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, be-

seeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that we, with them, may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

O God, we commend ourselves to Thee, and to the word of Thy grace, which is able to build us up, and to give us an inheritance among them that are sanctified. Favourably hear our humble supplications, which we offer in the name of Thy beloved Son; and do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

Now unto Him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests to God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

### Collection.

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*Then may be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Prayers for the Sick, in Hospital, and in the Sick-room.

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"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray."—JAMES v. 13.

# Service for Use in a Hospital.

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*No one should conduct a Service in a hospital without the full consent of the medical officer in charge; and the time and place should be arranged by him.*

*It is sometimes most cheering to the sick to have Psalms or Hymns quietly sung; but there are occasions when singing of any kind may be injurious to certain of the patients. The medical officer in charge should be consulted about this also.*

*If there is no one else to conduct a religious Service in a hospital, the convalescents can arrange amongst themselves to use this form of Service, or one of the ordinary forms for social worship, introducing the special Prayers for the sick or wounded.*

*The Service may begin by singing a Psalm or Hymn.*

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O God of my salvation.

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the help of all that put their trust in Thee, incline Thine ear unto us, who now desire to make our prayer and supplication unto Thee, in the name of Christ.

Look upon us, we beseech Thee, with pity and compassion; be favourable unto us according to our need, and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord.

If it be Thy will, O God, we implore Thee to bless Thy servants in all times of suffering, to ease their pain, and in due time to restore them to health and strength.

However it shall please Thee to deal with our corruptible bodies, may our souls be precious in Thy sight. Wash them, O Lord, in the blood of Thy dear Son, that so, cleansed from defilement, they may be presented pure and spotless before the throne of Thy grace.

O give us a right discerning of the things which belong to our peace. Enable us to finish whatever work Thou hast given us to do. Give us true repentance of all our sins, and a firm reliance on Thy most gracious promises; and grant unto us that peace of Thine which passeth understanding. Fit us, O Lord, we pray Thee, for living and for dying, and for whatever in Thy wise providence Thou hast designed for us; and if Thou hast appointed that the sickness of any of us should be unto death, prepare us, O merciful God, for Thyself, and grant us a safe and comfortable passage out of this world to that which

is far better, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Saviour, who hath taught us in our prayers to say:—

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

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*Psalm* xxxiv.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto Him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

## Let us Pray.

O GOD, before whom there is none other God, who killest and who makest alive, who woundest and who healest, out of whose hand none can deliver, hear

us, we beseech Thee, when again we come unto Thee in prayer.

We make confession of all our sins unto Thee, and humbly ask Thee for Christ's sake to pardon us, and to receive us into Thy godly favour. May these, our sicknesses and pains, teach us the frailty of human life on earth, and warn us that sin brings suffering and death, so that we may be taught to flee from sin unto Him who is holy, and who maketh holy, that we may have eternal life.

O God, have mercy upon us, for we are weak and sore vexed. Save us, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ. Give us faith in Him lest we perish. May He be our Redeemer, that we may live for ever.

O God, against whom we have sinned, if any of us have brought these sicknesses and pains, and this fear of death, upon ourselves by any impurity, intemperance, or folly, in mercy forgive us. Grant us a true repentance for the sin that is past, and in all coming time keep us pure and holy, by the grace of Christ and the power of Thy Holy Spirit.

Show us, O God, the nature of sin, and of its evil work, and enable us to flee for refuge from it unto Him who alone can save from sin and death. Defend us from all temptation, purify our minds from evil thoughts, and our hearts from evil desires, and enable us in holiness to serve Thee, while we pass through this life, and to glorify Thee for evermore in the life that is to come. These things we ask for Christ's sake. —*Amen.*

*Here a Psalm or Hymn may be sung.*

READ

*John* xiv. 1-6 *and* 12-27.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Judas saith unto Him, (not Iscariot,) Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

### Let us Pray.

BLESS to us, O God, the reading of Thy holy Word, and enable us at all times to take it for our guide in life.

Grant likewise, O God our Father, that out of Thy Word we may be able to take that comfort which we need in this time of our trial, of sickness, and pain. Keep us true to Thyself in Jesus Christ, and grant that we may come out of all these troubles holier and fitter to serve Thee. Enable us to bear all that Thou dost send of trial, with humility and patience; remembering Him who, as our Redeemer, was made perfect through suffering.

Bless all who by their care and skill minister to the sick and dying, and specially those who minister in this place. Direct them in all that they do for the relief of the sufferings of those for whom Christ died; and give them grace to follow in the footsteps of the great Physician; and grant that, as they minister to others, they may have the joy of knowing that their service is also unto Christ their Lord.

Bless, we pray Thee, O God, all our companions, and relations, and friends, giving to them in this life faith in Christ; and in the world to come, life everlasting.

O God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant unto us the good gift of faith, and enable us all perfectly to trust Thee now and evermore. If we die, enable us to die in Christ, that we may live for ever. If we are spared, enable us to spend the rest of our lives here in Thy fear and love, and zealously to do Thy will. O spare us a little that we may recover strength, before we go hence and be no more. Thy will, O Lord, be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Hear these our prayers, O God, we beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm or Hymn.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Service for the Sick,

## With Special Prayers for use in the Sick-room.

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"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

"In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me."

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, who ever governest Thy creatures with tender affection, incline Thine ear to our supplication; graciously regard this Thy servant who is suffering from bodily sickness, visit *him* with Thy salvation, and bestow the medicine of heavenly grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Almighty God, who by the might of Thy command drivest away from men's bodies all sickness and infirmity, be present in Thy goodness to this Thy servant, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength recalled; and *his* health being thereupon restored, *he* may bless Thy holy name. Grant unto

*him* the spirit of true repentance; and to *him*, being penitent, be Thou pleased, for Christ's sake, to grant remission of all sins, and grace unto holiness, the end of which is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give, we beseech of Thee, O Lord, unto *him* an abiding and sure faith in Thee, so that all fear being removed, *he* may possess *his* soul in peace, and may bear with patience whatever further trial Thou dost send.

Give a bright and cheering hope that *his* spirit fail not in times of pain or weariness; but that *he* may be comforted by a sense of the heavenly sympathy of Jesus Christ, who bore the most bitter agony of the cross to save mankind.

Give unto Thy servant above all things, we pray Thee, power to rest in Thy fatherly love, as revealed in Jesus Christ the great Physician, that *he* may not fear any issue of this sickness, even though it be unto death.

Give Thy Holy Spirit in such measure that in this time of affliction *his* soul may be purified by trial and lifted up to the heavenly things which accompany salvation. Grant unto *him* the comforts of Thy Word, assurance of Thy favour, and a firm belief that all Thy good promises are true in Jesus Christ Thy Son our Saviour.

Prepare us all, O God, for whatever trials or sorrows may await us. And grant that, whether in health or in sickness, in joy or in grief, in life or in death, we may be enabled to glorify Thy name, and may be made meet for inheriting Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## Read

### *Psalm* cxxi.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

### *Isaiah* xliii. 1-3.

BUT now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

1 *Peter* i. 3-9.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time:

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations;

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

*Or any of the Lessons marked "For the Sick" in the Table of Lessons at the end of this book.*

LET US PRAY.

WE pray Thee, O Father in heaven, to bless to Thy servant these Thine own words of promise and of heavenly comfort. May *he* hope in Thy word.

Be Thou *his* hiding-place and shield. Comfort *him*, O God, and quicken *him* after Thy loving-kindness; for Thou art a present help in every time of trouble. Strengthen *him* in the day-time when suffering and faint. Cause the light of Thy presence to cheer *him* in the night-watches, when the spirit is filled with fear; and grant that, *his* faith being rooted and grounded in Thee, in *him* patience may have her perfect work.

*In place of the intercessions which follow, the Special Prayer which has reference to the case of the sick person may be used, concluding with the Lord's Prayer and Blessing.*

MERCIFUL FATHER, who hast taught us in Thy Holy Word that Thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men, look with compassion, we beseech Thee, on this Thy servant.

Sanctify to *him* Thy fatherly correction, that it may yield in *him* the peaceable fruits of righteousness. Teach *him* to submit with meekness to Thy will. Comfort *him* with a persuasion of Thy favour. Support *him* with the hope of eternal life.

We earnestly pray that, if it seem good to Thee, Thou wouldst bless the means employed for *his* recovery, that *his* sufferings may be relieved, *his* health restored, and *his* days prolonged to serve Thee on the earth. But if Thou hast appointed that this sickness shall be unto death, prepare *him*, O God, to depart in peace, and mercifully receive *him* into those blessed mansions which Thou art reserving in heaven for the faithful.

Give to *him*, O Father in heaven, assurance of Thy

favour. Give to *him*, O Christ, the peace which the world cannot give. Give to *him*, O Holy Spirit, the light and comfort which can guide through life and through death.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

## Special Prayers for the Sick, which may either be introduced where marked in the "Service for the Sick," or used alone.

### I.

FOR A SICK CHILD.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down, we beseech Thee, in the greatness of Thy compassion, on this suffering child. O God, who dost not afflict willingly the children of men, have mercy upon *him*. Bless the means used for *his* recovery, and, if it please Thee, remove *his* sickness, and prolong *his* days on earth. Above all, grant that *his* soul may be sanctified by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and saved through the mediation of Thy beloved Son, who hath taught us to bring little children unto Him, and hath graciously assured us, that of such is the kingdom of heaven.

If it be Thy will to spare *him* in the land of the living, grant that *he* may be enabled by Thy grace faithfully to serve Thee in *his* day and generation. But if it seem to Thee good to remove *him* from us, we pray that Thou wouldst receive *him* into Thy heavenly kingdom.

Comfort the hearts of *his* sorrowing friends. Enable them to cast their care on Thee, who carest for them. Teach them to submit with meekness to

Thy will. And overrule Thy fatherly discipline for their spiritual good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. —*Amen.*

## II.

### PRAYER FOR ONE WHOSE SICKNESS HAS BEEN LONG CONTINUED.

O GOD, Creator and Preserver of all things, look with compassion, we beseech Thee, on Thy servant, whom Thou hast seen meet to visit with long-continued sickness.

Have mercy on *him*, for *he* is desolate and afflicted. Receive *him* into Thy fatherly protection; for *he* hath recourse in *his* adversity to Thee alone. Though *he* be sore troubled, Thou canst send deliverance; though cast down, Thou canst lift *him* up; though weak and trembling, Thou canst give *him* strength and courage; though conscious of great and manifold transgressions, Thou canst make *him* holy.

Vouchsafe, O God, to *him* Thy mercy for the sake of Thy beloved Son.

We pray Thee to arrest *his* malady and to restore *his* health. But if it seem to Thee good to protract *his* trials, give *him* strength to bear them. Teach *him* to regard *his* present distresses as the wise and merciful corrections of *his* Father in heaven. Let Thy Holy Spirit settle in *his* heart those precious promises which are made to us in Christ Jesus, so that *he* may patiently wait all the days of *his* appointed time, until *his* change come; and when the hour of *his* departure is at hand, support *him* with the hopes and

consolations of Thy Gospel, that, trusting in Thy Word, *his* soul may depart in peace.

May it also please Thee, most merciful Father, to strengthen and comfort *his* relatives and friends, and all who minister to *him* in *his* affliction, that they faint not through overmuch labour and anxiety. Help them to cast their burden upon Thee, with the comfortable persuasion that Thou wilt sustain them. And let Thy chastening, though for the present grievous, yield in them afterwards the peaceable fruits of righteousness. These things we ask, O God, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## III.

### FOR ONE ABOUT TO UNDERGO A SERIOUS SURGICAL OPERATION.

O GOD, we commend to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, this Thy servant in an hour of pain and fearfulness. Give *him* strength to bear with fortitude what lies before *him.* May *his* faith in Thee, and in Christ *his* Saviour, strengthen *him* and cheer *him.* May *he* as *he* suffers, remember what Christ has for *him* suffered. Grant wisdom, courage, and tenderness to *his* physicians; and, if it be Thy will, may what they do work in *him* a lasting cure. May *he* so patiently bear the wounding of *his* mortal body, that the discipline may tend to *his* growth in grace, and may *he*, by Thy mercy, be spared yet many days in the land of the living and place of hope, to

thank and glorify Thee, who art a very present help in trouble. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O God, for Christ's sake.—*Amen.*

## IV.

### IN CASE OF SUDDEN ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who smitest and healest, who killest and makest alive, while none can stay Thy hand; give ear, we beseech Thee, to our earnest supplications in behalf of this, Thy servant, whom Thou hast visited with sudden and severe affliction. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver *him;* O Lord, make haste to help *him.* Quicken *him* for Thy name's sake; and for Thy righteousness' sake bring *his* soul out of trouble. O spare *him*, that *he* may recover strength, before *he* go hence, and be no more.

Above all, grant that this sudden visitation may be overruled for *his* everlasting welfare. May it humble *him* under the mighty hand of God. May it lead *him* to exercise true repentance towards Thee and unfeigned faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and by Thy grace to cherish in *his* heart so deep a concern for the welfare of *his* soul, as no temptations shall be able to overcome. May *he* think upon *his* ways, and turn *his* feet unto Thy testimonies, and make haste to keep Thy commandments.

If it be Thy will that, in answer to our prayers, *he* should be yet spared in the land of the living, grant that *he* may, by Thy grace, be enabled to serve Thee more faithfully. But if it seem good to Thee to cut *him* off in the midst of *his* days, enable *him* meekly

to bow to Thy holy will, and to depart in full assurance of faith. And grant *him*, through the merits and grace of the Redeemer, a portion in the inheritance of the saints.

Mercifully hear us, and grant an answer in peace, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour. —*Amen.*

## V.

### PRAYER FOR A WOMAN IN TRAVAIL.

O GOD, the help of all that put their trust in Thee, be very merciful to Thine handmaid, for whom in her hour of travail we intercede.

Be not Thou far from her, O Lord, when trouble is nigh. Mitigate her sufferings. Relieve her anxieties. Give her grace to resign herself to Thy disposal, and patiently to submit to Thy most blessed will. Grant her a timely and safe deliverance from her pains and perils. And make her to be the thankful mother of a living infant, so that she may remember no more her anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world.

Above all, grant that her soul may prosper. Bestow on her for Christ's sake the pardon of all her sins. Enrich her with Thy loving-kindness, which is better than life. Increase her faith in Thy beloved Son, who is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto Thee through Him. Sanctify her by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and make her meet to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. Cause Thy goodness and mercy to follow her all the days of her life; and receive her at last into those blessed man-

sions, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## VI.

### THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE IN TRAVAIL.

FATHER of mercies, we give Thee thanks for Thy great goodness to Thy servant in her time of travail. Blessed be Thy name, that it hath pleased Thee to regard the low estate of Thine handmaid, and to grant her deliverance from the pains and perils of childbirth.

Continue Thy goodness by perfecting her recovery. Speedily restore her to health and strength. And grant that she may retain upon her mind a lively and lasting impression of Thy mercies; and that she may faithfully remember and pay to Thee the vows which she made to Thee when she was in trouble.

We praise Thee, O God, for the life which hath been spared, and also for the life which hath been given; and we pray that both may be precious in Thy sight, sustained by Thy care, and devoted to Thy glory. Preserve the new-born child, and train it for Thy service. Cause it to grow in grace as it grows in years. And grant that both mother and child may be so enabled to love, and honour, and serve Thee in this life, that they may finally meet in the enjoyment of everlasting glory and blessedness in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## VII.

### FOR ONE WHO IS INSENSIBLE OR DELIRIOUS.

LORD GOD, merciful and gracious, who knowest our frame, and hast compassion on our infirmities, look down in pity, we beseech Thee, on Thy servant, for whom, in *his* present sorely afflicted state of body and of mind, we desire to intercede.

We earnestly pray, O God, that it may please Thee to enlighten *his* darkness, and to restore to *him* the use of all *his* faculties, that *he* may be able clearly to discern the things which belong to *his* everlasting peace. Arrest, if it be Thy will, the progress of *his* disease. Bless the means employed for its removal. Work for *him* a great deliverance for Thy mercy's sake; that, being restored to health of body and soundness of mind, *he* may be yet spared to serve Thee in the land of the living.

Above all, we entreat Thee to be merciful to *his* soul. Remember not against *him* former transgressions; remember Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been of old; and for the sake of Thy beloved Son, who bore our sins in His own body on the cross, receive *him* graciously, love *him* freely, and visit *him* with Thy salvation.

If it seem good to Thee in *his* present state to remove *him* from us, receive *him*, O Lord, unto Thyself, and in mercy give *him*, for Christ's sake, an entrance into Thy glorious kingdom, where all these dark shadows that now obscure *him* shall be removed, and in Thy light *he* shall see light.

Mercifully hear our humble supplications, for the Lord Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

## VIII.

### FOR A SICK PERSON IN DEEP DEJECTION OF SPIRIT.

FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, we pray that this, our *brother*, who is tempted by fear and doubt, may be cheered with the light of Thy reconciled countenance, and blessed with the consolations of Thy grace.

O Lord, rebuke *him* not in Thine anger, neither chasten *him* in Thy hot displeasure. Have mercy on *him*, for *he* is weak; heal *him*, for *his* soul is sore vexed. The troubles of *his* heart are enlarged; O bring Thou *him* out of *his* distresses. Look upon *his* affliction and *his* pain, and forgive all *his* sin. Let not the thought of Thy wrath lie hard upon *him*, nor the terror of Thy judgments distract or overwhelm *him*. Let *him* not doubt the truth of Thy promises, so graciously made in Thy beloved Son. Cause *him* to hear the voice of the Redeemer, inviting weary souls to come to Him and rest; assuring *him* that in no wise shall *he* be cast out. And let Thy Spirit work in *him* a lively faith, so that *he* may be filled with all joy and peace in believing, and may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Merciful Father, who hast comforted us with the assurance that Thou dost not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men, suffer not our sorrowing *brother*, we beseech Thee, to think that Thou hast forgotten to be gracious to *him* by reason of these trials. Trust-

ing in Thee as a reconciled God, may *he* be persuaded that in faithfulness Thou art chastening *him*, not for Thy pleasure, but for *his* profit. And having Thy love shed abroad within *his* heart, may *he* know that all things work together for *his* good, and that *his* present light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for *him* a far more exceeding, even an eternal weight of glory.

Grant, O God, if it be consistent with Thy holy will, that the malady of Thy servant may be removed, and that *he* may be spared to serve Thee on the earth. But if Thou shouldst have otherwise appointed, give *him* Thy grace to uphold *him* in a dying hour, that when *he* walks through the valley of the shadow of death *he* may fear no evil, because Thou, O Lord, art with *him*, and Thy rod and staff comfort *him*.

Grant these requests, O Father, in *his* behalf, and all other things which Thou knowest to be expedient for *him*, for the Lord Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

## IX.

### FOR A SICK PERSON WHEN THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF RECOVERY.

O GOD, in whose hand is the life of all mankind and the breath of every living thing, look with compassion on this Thy sorely afflicted servant, for whom we humbly offer our prayers.

Thou hast been pleased in Thy providence to bring *him* very low, and near to the gates of death; be

pleased, therefore, we pray Thee, to give *him* Thy grace. Sustain *his* sinking heart, and give to *him* in rich measure the consolations of the Gospel.

Let Thy Holy Spirit be shed on *him* abundantly, to strengthen *him* for the endurance of *his* sufferings, to witness with *his* spirit that *he* is a child of God, to purify *him* from all remaining sin, and to make *him* meet for the inheritance of the saints in light.

God of all grace, support *him* in *his* time of trouble, that *his* faith be not shaken, nor *his* hope clouded, nor *his* peace disquieted by the trials that encompass *him.* Into Thy hands may *he* be enabled to commend *his* spirit, knowing whom *he* hath believed, and being persuaded that Thou art able to keep that which is committed to Thee against the great day. And if it be Thy will at this time to remove *him* from this world, grant *him* a peaceful departure out of this life, and graciously receive *him* to Thyself. Living or dying, O God, may *he* be Thine, safe in Thy hands, and acceptable in Thy sight.

Comfort *his* anxious relatives and friends. Enable them to cast their care on Thee. Teach them to submit with meekness to Thy holy will, and give them grace to improve Thy chastening to the everlasting welfare of their souls.

These things we ask of Thee, O heavenly Father, only for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour. —*Amen.*

## X.

### FOR ONE AT THE POINT OF DEATH.

O GOD, Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, look graciously, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, upon this Thy servant about to depart from this sinful world. Visit *him* with Thy salvation, and through the suffering and death of Christ Thy Son, mercifully grant *him* pardon and remission of all sin, that *he* in the hour of departure may find Thee a pitying Father; and, cleansed from all sin by the blood of Christ, may pass into life eternal, and into peace and the heavenly glory.

O Lord, in Thy mercy grant that *he* may know Thee to be *his* reconciled God; that *he* may be sensible in spirit of the presence of Christ with *him*, and that the light of the Holy Spirit may enlighten *him* in the dark hour of death.

O Lord, in Thy mercy comfort, sustain, guide, and bless for evermore this our departing friend, for whom Christ has died. Into Thy hands we commend *his* spirit. O our God, keep *him* safe for evermore.—*Amen.*

# Services at the Burial of the Dead.

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"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

# Service at the Burial of the Dead.

TO BE USED AT THE HOUSE.

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All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before Thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain; he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in Thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because Thou didst it.

Remove Thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of Thine hand.

When Thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not Thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

## Let us Pray.

ETERNAL and unchangeable Jehovah, with whom there is neither beginning of days nor end of years, we humble ourselves in Thy presence as becometh perishing creatures.

What is man, O God, that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that Thou visitest him? As for man, his days are as grass; as the flower of the field, so he flourisheth; for the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Blessed be Thou, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to Thine abundant mercy hast begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved for us in heaven. Keep us, O Lord, by Thy divine power through faith unto salvation. Enable us therein greatly to rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, we are in heaviness

through manifold temptation. And grant that the trial of our faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, may be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

O God our Father, who hast loved us, and hast given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace; look with compassion, we beseech Thee, on the sorrowing friends and kindred of Thy servant whom Thou hast taken away. Enable them to say, The will of the Lord be done. Cause them to be persuaded in their hearts, that though this dispensation be afflicting, it is sent in love and fraught with mercy. And let Thy fatherly chastening be sanctified to the weaning of their affections from the vanities of the world, and their preparation for that better country where sorrow and death shall be no more.

Convince us, we beseech Thee, of the shortness and uncertainty of our time on earth, and give us grace to be watchful and ready, as becometh servants waiting for their Lord, who know not the day nor the hour when He shall come.

Let Thy Holy Spirit so lead us in righteousness all the days of our lives, that having served Thee in our generation, we may depart in peace, and may, through the merits and grace of Thy beloved Son, be received at last into Thy heavenly kingdom.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the death of Thy Son, hast destroyed death, and by His resurrection hast assured us that they who sleep in Him shall rise again, receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave which He hath achieved for us.

We thank Thee that already great multitudes of the redeemed in Christ do rest in peace with Thee; and we humbly pray Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to make them perfect in eternal glory; and to grant that we who are still in the body may be kept in everlasting fellowship with Him who is the Resurrection and the Life.

*Here should be read the Special Prayer which has reference to the circumstances of the deceased.*

O God and Father of all, who hast called us unto Thine eternal glory by Jesus Christ, after that we have suffered a while; make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us; that Thou in all things mayst be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be praise and dominion for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

# Service at the Burial of the Dead.

TO BE USED AT THE GRAVE.

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Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

## Let us Pray.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, in this hour of sorrow we come to Thee in prayer, for in Thee alone is our confidence and hope. For Christ's sake, be Thou pleased to hear us, and to give us the blessing we need.

Seeing that it hath pleased Thee, in whose hand our life is, and whose are all our ways, to take away from among us another of our brethren, grant unto us who remain, faith in Thy great goodness, and the comfort we need while in the presence of death. By Thy Holy Spirit the Comforter, be pleased now to grant to us all, and specially to the relatives of our departed *brother*, a good hope in Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

We thank Thee, O God, that even now, standing here by this open grave, we can rejoice in Christ Jesus our Lord, believing that He has overcome the sharpness of death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. We praise Thee for the brightness of the hope we have that they who die in Christ shall live with Him for evermore. And we humbly pray that we, who are here present, may be kept in everlasting fellowship with Him, so that when we depart this life, according to Thy will, our souls may be received into His presence with exceeding joy, and our flesh also may rest in hope till this mortal shall have put on immortality, and death be swallowed up in victory.

To us to live may it be Christ, that to die may be

gain; so that living or dying we may be always Thine, safe in Thy hands, and acceptable in Thy sight.

Teach us all to live, as knowing that we must soon die. Let us not be slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. And seeing that the time is short, dispose us to weep, as though we wept not; to rejoice, as though we rejoiced not; to buy, as though we possessed not; and to use this world as not abusing it; because the fashion of this world passeth away.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto our cry; for we are strangers with Thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

*In the case of the burial of a Sailor, or Soldier, or of the Dead after a Battle, the Special Prayer appropriate to the occasion should here be read.*

Now, O God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do Thy will, working in us that which is well pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in

earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.—*Amen.*

## Special Prayers to be used in the Services at the Burial of the Dead.

### I.

SPECIAL PRAYER TO BE USED ON THE OCCASION OF THE BURIAL OF ONE WHOSE FRIENDS ARE AT A DISTANCE.

GOD of all comfort, extend Thy fatherly pity to the absent relatives of *him* whom Thou hast taken away. Prepare them for the tidings of their bereavement. Help them to say, The will of the Lord be done. And sanctify this afflicting dispensation to their growth in grace, and preparation for eternity.

### II.

SPECIAL PRAYER TO BE USED AT THE BURIAL OF A FATHER.

To Thy fatherly compassion we commend this sorrowing family. Help them to bow in meek submission to Thy will. Confirm their faith in the Saviour, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. And while they look at the things which are not seen, give them to know that their light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

O God, who hast taught us that our duty is to relieve the oppressed, to judge the fatherless, and to plead for the widow, and who hast Thyself declared that Thou wilt be a Father of the fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, in Thy holy habitation, hear us, for Christ's sake, when we plead for the widow and fatherless children in this family; and grant unto them all the consolations of Thy Word, and a comfortable sense of Thy presence with them, and of Thine almighty care over them. Keep them, guide them, bless them, O God; and of Thy mercy raise up for them many helpers in this time of their sore distress.

## III.

### SPECIAL PRAYER TO BE USED AT THE BURIAL OF A MOTHER.

O God our Father, who hast loved us, and hast given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace; comfort, we beseech Thee, the heart of the bereaved husband in this home. Teach him to cast his burden upon Thee, in the confident persuasion that Thou wilt sustain him. And enable him to look beyond this world of trouble to that better country, even the heavenly, where all the faithful in Christ Jesus shall be reunited, and shall dwell for ever in the presence of their Lord. We earnestly pray for the children of this family, from whom it hath seemed to Thee good, in Thine unsearchable providence, to take away an affectionate and beloved parent. Fulfil in their behalf Thy promise, that when father and mother forsake them, Thou the

Lord wilt take them up. Reveal Thyself to them as a reconciled God, who chasteneth them, not for Thy pleasure, but for their profit. Like as a father pitieth his children, and even as one whom his mother comforteth, so may it please Thee to pity and to comfort them. Protect them by Thy power, and guide them by Thy counsel. Keep them from all the evil that is in the world, and preserve them unto Thy heavenly kingdom.

## IV.

### SPECIAL PRAYER TO BE USED AT THE BURIAL OF A YOUNG PERSON.

Look with compassion, we beseech Thee, on this family, from whom Thou hast taken away one that was dear to them, while yet in the bloom and promise of early youth. Enable them to say, The will of the Lord be done. Cause them to be persuaded in their hearts, that though this dispensation be mysterious, it is sent in love, and fraught with mercy. And let Thy fatherly chastening be sanctified, to the weaning of their affections from the vanities of the world, and to their greater meetness for that better country where sorrow and disappointment are unknown.

O blessed Saviour, who didst Thyself weep beside the grave of a beloved friend, fulfil to this bereaved household Thy promise, that Thou wilt not leave them comfortless. Turn not away Thine ear from their cry; hold not Thy peace at their tears. Say to them with power, Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

## V.

### SPECIAL PRAYER TO BE USED AT THE BURIAL OF A CHILD.

Father of mercies, who bringest good out of evil, and makest Thy chastening, though for a while grievous, to yield afterwards the peaceable fruits of righteousness, look with compassion on this bereaved family, from whom it hath pleased Thee to take away a beloved child. Help them to submit in silence to Thy will, not opening their mouths, because Thou didst it. And however mysterious Thy dealings with them may seem to be, yet may they be persuaded in their hearts that Thy judgments are right, and that in faithfulness Thou hast afflicted them. Let them not sorrow as those that have no hope. Teach them to remember the words of the Lord Jesus to those believing parents who brought to Him their young children, when He graciously declared that of such is the kingdom of heaven. And let it be their comfort to believe that with Him do live the spirits of His redeemed, at whatsoever stage of their pilgrimage they may be freed from the burden of the flesh; and that as Jesus died and rose again, so, when He comes in the glory of His Father, shall they also who sleep in Jesus be raised with Him.

## VI.

### SPECIAL PRAYER TO BE USED AT A FUNERAL AT SEA.

O God, Creator and Preserver of all, who holdest the waters in the hollow of Thy hand, and hast declared

that in the great day of the resurrection the sea shall give up the dead that are in it, grant unto us, that as we now commit to the great deep the body of our departed *brother*, we may be able to look up to Thee, our Father, through Christ, and with a sure and certain hope that they who believe shall inherit everlasting life.

Guide us by Thy Spirit all the days of our life. Teach us to remember the things which pertain to the life which is eternal, and when our wanderings in this life are done, bring us, through faith in a crucified, risen, and glorified Redeemer, to our desired haven of eternal rest.

We commend unto Thee the friends of our departed *brother*, and pray Thee that, in their hours of sorrow, they may have joy and consolation in Thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## VII.

### SPECIAL PRAYER TO BE USED AT THE BURIAL OF A SOLDIER.

O God, who art everywhere present, sustaining and comforting all Thy children, be with us, we pray Thee, at this time, as, in this foreign land, we commit to the dust the body of our comrade.

We thank Thee for the hope we have that he died in the faith of Jesus Christ, and that he has passed into his eternal rest.

We commend to Thy care his relatives in our fatherland, and pray that, in their bereavement, they may have the comfort which comes by faith in Jesus

Christ, and trust in Thy fatherly love, and unceasing grace.

O God, grant unto us, who are alive and remain, to learn during our short sojourn on earth to prepare for the coming of the Lord; and as we see one after another of our brethren departing this life, may we learn how frail we are, and what need there is that, while yet our day of merciful visitation lasts, we should fight the good fight of faith, and war a good warfare, looking forward to the time of victory, and the peace of the life everlasting, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## VIII.

### SPECIAL PRAYER AT THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD AFTER A BATTLE.

O Lord God of hosts, who hast brought us in safety through the peril of battle, and hast at this time called us in sorrow to commit to the dust the dead bodies of our brethren in arms who have fallen, we desire to approach Thee in prayer through Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation, asking Thee to enable us all to remember Thy great mercy, and the love of Christ, in whom is all our hope for this life and for the next.

Comfort, we beseech Thee, the friends and relatives of the fallen. Provide for their wants and alleviate their sorrows. Help them to bow in meek submission to Thy will. And in their bereavements draw them more closely unto Thee, who wilt never leave them nor forsake them.

We thank Thee, O God, that we have good hope that as these our brethren quitted themselves like men, and fell at last, faithful unto death, fighting for a righteous cause; so they died in faith in Christ, and now rest in peace, waiting for a blessed resurrection. And we pray that we who remain may be able to persevere in righteousness, so that, at last, having fought the good fight of faith, we may receive the crown of life, and a place in the heavenly glory.

# Children's Services.

# Children's Service,

## For use in the Sunday-School or the Home.

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*The Service should begin with singing a Psalm or Hymn from the Children's Hymnal.*

Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall not enter therein. And he took them up in His arms, laid His hands upon them, and blessed them.

### Let us Pray.

O LORD our heavenly Father, hear our prayers, we humbly beseech Thee, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who called little children unto Him, and took them up in His arms and blessed them. Teach us by Thy Spirit how to worship Thee, and make us Thy true children.

Hear us as we confess unto Thee all our sins—

our bad thoughts, our false and angry words, the wrong things we have done; and all our disobedience and idleness, which have kept us from doing what we knew to be right.

O Lord, we know that in all these things we have sinned against Thee, and now we ask Thee in mercy to forgive us, and to turn us away from all sin, and to make us holy. Give us faith in Jesus Christ, and enable us to obey Him, that we may henceforth be kept from sin. Keep us from falling into temptation, and lead us always in the right path, that we may be able to glorify Thee, and to do Thy holy will.

Grant that we may be able to understand what we read from Thy holy Word. Teach us, O God, and make us wise unto salvation. Guide us by Thy Holy Spirit while we live, and give us all at last a place in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Let all the Children say—*

Amen.

*The Reader and Children should then read the following or ANY OTHER Psalm in alternate verses.*

### Psalm xcviii.

*Reader.* O SING unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.

Children. *The Lord hath made known His salva-*

*tion: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.*

He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.*

Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

*With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.*

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

*Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together*

Before the Lord: for He cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall He judge the world, and the people with equity.

## Psalm c.

*Reader.* MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Children. *Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.*

Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.*

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

*Here may be read a Lesson from the Old Testament, and one from the New Testament, with a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn between.*

*Then may be said the Apostles' Creed, by all who are present.*

## THE CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;[1] the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.—*Amen.*

[1] *I. e.*, continued in the state of the dead, and under the power of death, till the third day.

*Reader.* Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*Let all the Children say—*

Amen.

### Let us Pray.

*Then all together may say the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

*Then may follow a short address to the children, or catechising on one of the Lessons previously read, the children having been told that they would be catechised.*

### Let us Pray.

GREAT GOD, whom the holy angels worship, look down on us in pity, and hear our prayers and songs of praise. Teach us all to do Thy will, and to love our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank Thee that Christ died for our sins. We thank Thee for the glad tidings of the Gospel, and for the hope of heaven. We thank Thee for all the blessings we receive in this world; for food and clothing; for health and happiness; for homes and schools; for parents and friends: and we pray that we may always remember that these good gifts come from Thee, our Father in heaven.

We pray Thee to give to others the blessings we ask for ourselves. Bless our native land, and all who live in it. Bless the King, and all our rulers. Bless all good people. Forgive the bad, and turn them

away from what is evil. Bless all ministers and teachers. Bless our parents and all our friends, and make them glad in the Lord.

We pray for the poor and sick. We pray for all orphan and sick children, and for those who have no friends. O Lord, give them what they need; be Thou a Father to them, and keep and bless them.

Have pity upon children who, in this and other lands, know not the way to heaven; and grant that the time may soon come when all shall know Thee, and the great love of Christ which is unto salvation.

Bless our schools. When we learn, may we do so gladly, and in the spirit of obedience. Bless our homes; may love and purity and peace ever dwell in them.

Teach us, O God, by the Holy Spirit. Take us all into Thy holy keeping. Guide and protect and save us, for Jesus Christ our Redeemer's sake.

*Let all the Children say—*

Amen.

*A Children's Collecting-Box should be kept, and a Collection for Missions, or for some other charitable purpose, may be made, if convenient, before the close of each Children's Service.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.

*Let all the Children say—*

Amen.

# Children's Service,

## For use in the Sunday-School or the Home.

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*The Service should begin with singing a Psalm or Hymn from the Children's Hymnal.*

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we desire to praise Thee with joyful lips, and to thank Thee with grateful hearts.

We thank Thee that Thou hast made us, and kept us in health and safety till now, and that Thou hast told us the way to heaven, and sent Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

We confess to Thee all our sins. We are sorry for our faults. We desire to turn away from them unto Thee, and to do always that which is right.

Pardon us, we pray Thee, O God. Enable us to believe in Christ, that our sins may be taken away; and make us like Christ, that we may always love Thee and obey Thee, and become children of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Give us grace, that we may always do what is right, and speak the truth. Keep us pure, and make us honest. Teach us by Thy Word, give us always the desire to learn of Thee, and help us to obey our parents, and to give heed to all who instruct us in holiness. May we grow up before Thee in Thy fear and favour, so that we may praise Thee in our lives, and may cause those who love us to rejoice over us because we do what is well pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear these our prayers, we beseech Thee, for Jesus' sake.

*Let all the Children say—*

Amen.

*The Reader and Children should then read the following or ANY OTHER Psalm in alternate verses.*

PSALM.

*Reader.* O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever.

Children. *Let Israel now say, that His mercy endureth for ever.*

Let the house of Aaron now say, that His mercy endureth for ever.

*Let them now that fear the Lord say, that His mercy endureth for ever.*

I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

*The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?*

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

*It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man:*

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

*All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.*

They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

*They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.*

Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall: but the Lord helped me.

*The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.*

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

*The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.*

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

*The Lord hath chastened me sore: but He hath not given me over unto death.*

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go in to them, and I will praise the Lord:

*This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.*

I will praise Thee: for Thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

*The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.*

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

*This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity.

*Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.*

God is the Lord, which hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

*Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee: Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.*

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

*Here may be read a Lesson from the Old Testament, and one from the New Testament, with a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn between.*

*Then may be said the Commandments, or the Beatitudes, Matthew,* v. 1-12—*all standing.*

*Reader.* THE First Commandment is—

*Children.* *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

The Second Commandment is—

*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

The Third Commandment is—

*Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.*

The Fourth Commandment is—

*Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.*

The Fifth Commandment is—

*Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

The Sixth Commandment is—

*Thou shalt not kill.*

The Seventh Commandment is—

*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

The Eighth Commandment is—

*Thou shalt not steal.*

The Ninth Commandment is—

*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

And the Tenth Commandment is—

*Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

May God give us grace to keep all these Commandments, and to His name be the praise.

*Let all the Children say—*

Amen.

## Let us Pray.

*All present should say the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

*Here may be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn. Then may follow a short address, or catechising on one of the Lessons; the children having been told that they would be catechised.*

## Let us Pray.

O GOD, who hast called us to be Thy children in Jesus Christ, bless, we humbly pray Thee, our service at this time. May the Holy Spirit impress upon our minds the blessed truths we have heard, and touch our hearts so that we may love Thee and keep Thy commandments. May we grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As Thou hast been pleased to call us out of darkness into the light of the Gospel of Christ, be pleased, we beseech Thee, to enable us to live as children of the light.

Enable us when we are in school to be obedient and attentive; when we are at home to be gentle and loving; when we are at play keep us from anger, and from using bad words; and may we never be unkind to any of Thy creatures.

HEAR, O Lord, we humbly pray Thee, our prayers for all our brethren of mankind. We pray for all Christian people.

We pray for all sinful people, and for the heathen, asking Thee to bring them all to the knowledge of Christ, that their sins may be pardoned, and that they may have salvation.

We pray for all poor, and sick, and sorrowful ones, for all widows and for all orphan children, asking Thee of Thy fatherly mercy to sustain and comfort them, and finally to give them a happy issue out of all their trouble.

Bless, we pray Thee, our parents and friends. Give to all our teachers Thy favour and wisdom; and grant that we may learn what is needful to make us good and true Christians.

GIVE us Thy blessing, O God; keep us safe in life and in death; and, finally, grant us a place in Thy heavenly kingdom, for Jesus' sake.

*Let all the Children say—*

Amen.

*A Children's Collecting-Box should be kept, and a Collection for Missions, or for some other charitable purpose, may, if convenient, be made before the close of each Children's Service.*

*Then may be sung a Psalm, Paraphrase, or Hymn.*

## Blessing.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.

*Let all the Children say—*

Amen.

# Prayers for Family Worship.

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"They shall prosper that love Thee."—PSALM cxxii. 6.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—JOSHUA xxiv. 15.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—Amen.

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*FAMILY WORSHIP should begin by reading a portion of Scripture; and it is recommended that the Old Testament should be read in the morning, and the New Testament in the evening.*

*Before the Lord's Prayer, in each form of Prayer, may be introduced any of the Special Thanksgivings or Prayers following page* 291.

# Prayers for Family Worship.

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## FIRST WEEK.

### Lord's Day Morning.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

LET US PRAY.

O GOD, who hast promised to be present with Thy people, and to grant their requests for whatsoever things they may ask of Thee in the name of Thy beloved Son, regard us, we beseech Thee, with Thy favour, and graciously fulfil Thy promise in our behalf; that, offering up our desires unto Thee for things agreeable to Thy most blessed will, we may obtain the petitions that we ask of Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Direct our thoughts to those things which belong to Thy glory and to our own everlasting peace.

We bless Thee for the spiritual privileges which have been secured to us in Jesus Christ our Lord; for our peaceful Sabbaths; for the holy sacraments; for Thy revealing to us in Thy Word all which it is necessary for us to know, believe, and practise for our eternal salvation; for our consolation under the ills of life, and for our hopes of a heavenly inheritance beyond death and the grave.

Pardon, O God, our past neglect of Thine ordinances; and now that thou callest us to remember the Sabbath-day and keep it holy, we humbly implore the aid of Thy Spirit.

Prepare our hearts for Thy service, and enable us to rest this day from all our works, as Thou didst from Thine.

O God, who hast promised that in all places where Thou dost record Thy name Thou wilt come unto Thy people and bless them, vouchsafe to us, and to our fellow-worshippers in every place, Thy presence and blessing. Guide Thy ministering servants in all the offices of Thy worship, and enable them faithfully to declare the truths of Thy Gospel. And grant that their ministrations may be effectual for the conversion of sinners, and for the building up of saints in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Be very gracious to those who are withheld by sickness, or any other necessary cause, from worshipping Thee in the assemblies of Thy people.

Have pity on those who wilfully forsake Thine ordinances and profane Thy holy day.

Increase everywhere the number of Thy true worshippers; and hasten the time when, in every place, incense shall be offered unto Thy name, and a pure offering.

To Thy special care and guidance we this day commit ourselves, and all who are dear to us. O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead us; let them bring us unto Thy holy hill and to Thy tabernacles.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be glory and majesty, dominion and blessing, world without end.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Lord's Day Evening.

"O Lord, I cry unto Thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee.

"Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we lift up our souls unto Thee.

We thank Thee for the instructions of Thy Word, the rest of Thy Sabbath, the ordinances of Thy worship, and all our Christian privileges and means of grace; and for the promise of Thy Holy Spirit to bless them, and make them effectual for our salvation.

Make us duly sensible, we beseech Thee, of the great and manifold privileges Thou hast conferred upon us. Enter not into judgment with us Thy servants for our faithlessness and neglect.

Teach us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, who hast called us with a holy calling, perfect that which is lacking in our faith, and make us to increase in love to Thee and to our fellow-men.

O Lord our God, who hast graciously promised an everlasting rest to Thy people hereafter, and hast given Thy Sabbath to foreshadow it, and to prepare us for it; let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering into Thy rest, any of us should seem to come short of it.

We pray that here and everywhere Thy Word may have free course and may be glorified; that Thy ministering servants may be faithful, and Thy people

fruitful unto every good work; that Thy Church may be edified, purified, and extended; that the outcasts of Israel and the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered into the fold of the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls; and that the blessed day may soon come when the knowledge of Thy Gospel shall cover the whole earth.

We pray for the welfare of our Sovereign; for the good of our country; and for the peace of all nations.

Remember the sick, the dying, and all who are in danger or distress. Comfort and support them, and give them a happy issue out of all their troubles.

Regard with Thy favour all the members of this household, and enable us, by all good fidelity in our appointed stations, to honour and serve Thee our Master in heaven.

[Bestow Thy blessing on the children of this family. Guide them in ways of holiness; and satisfy them early with Thy mercy, that they may rejoice and be glad all their days.]

To Thy fatherly care, O God, we commend ourselves and all who are dear to us. Inasmuch as Thou hast appointed the night for rest and the day for labour, lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O God, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils of this night. Sanctify the rest of the same to us, that we may be made fitter for the labours of the next day; and so both day and night being spent according to Thy will, we may be prepared for that great day of Thine, which hath no night succeeding. Grant this, O God, for the love of Thine only Son our Saviour, to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and praise for ever and ever.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Monday Morning.

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning."

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, our Creator and Preserver, who, by the rest of Thy holy Sabbath, and by the sleep of the past night, hast restored our souls and refreshed our bodies, we thankfully acknowledge Thy goodness, and yield ourselves anew to Thy service.

Suffer us not, we beseech Thee, when returning to our daily work, to forget the instructions of Thy Word, or to lose the hallowed influence of Thy worship. Help us to carry the spirit of the Sabbath into the business of the week, so that, amidst all our labours, our souls may still rest in Thee, and whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, we may do all to Thy glory.

We confess, O God, that our goodness has often been as the morning cloud or early dew, that passeth

away. Pardon our unsteadfastness, and give us grace that we may be enabled constantly to walk with Thee. Let the life we henceforth lead be a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

O Lord, without whom we can do nothing as we ought, help us in all our actions to take heed unto Thy Word, and to abstain from every form of evil. Set a watch before our mouths, and keep the door of our lips, that no corrupt communications may proceed from them. Cleanse our hearts from unholy desires and uncharitable dispositions, and enable us so to manifest the power of godliness, that we may be epistles of Christ, known and read of all men.

Grant us this day Thy guidance and protection. Aid us in our appointed occupations. Deliver us from all infirmities of temper. Guide us in business. Support us in any trials or dangers that may befall us. Help us to endure as seeing Thee who art invisible; and while we are diligent in seeking the things that are needful for this present world, may it be our chief concern to lay up treasure in heaven.

Let Thy blessing rest on the inmates of this dwelling. Give grace to all of us to discharge our several duties, as parents or children, masters or servants, with uprightness, fidelity, and diligence.

Bestow Thy favour on our relatives and friends. Prosper all the interests of our country. Bless our Sovereign, and all in authority over us, and dispose them ever to rule in Thy fear.

Provide for the poor. Instruct the ignorant. Reclaim the erring. Pity the afflicted. Impart relief

and comfort to the sick, and prepare for their great change those who are about to die.

We pray for all our brethren of mankind, that it may please Thee to diffuse among them the knowledge of Thy truth, and to bring them to the faith and obedience of Thy Gospel.

Graciously hear our supplications, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, who taught us in our prayers to say thus:—

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Monday Evening.

"Give ear unto my prayer, O God; and hide not Thyself from my supplication. I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and He shall hear my voice."

### Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of adoption, while we pour out before Thee the desires of our hearts. Grant that, coming unto Thee with holy reverence and confidence, as children to a Father able

and ready to help us, we may be accepted in the name of Thy beloved Son, and through Him receive the petitions which we ask of Thee.

Holy Father, we are not worthy to be called Thy children. We confess that we have been unthankful for Thy mercies, distrustful of Thy promises, and disobedient to Thy commandments. We have despised Thy fatherly chastenings. We have set at nought Thy counsel, and would none of Thy reproof. We have kept back from Thee the affection of our hearts, and by our manifold wickedness have provoked Thee to cast us off.

Merciful Father, grant us Thy forgiveness. Work in us true repentance towards Thee, and faith unfeigned towards the Lord Jesus Christ; and for His sake be merciful to our unrighteousness, and remember our iniquities no more.

Give unto us also Thy Holy Spirit, to witness with our spirits that we are Thy children. Make us kindly affectioned to our brethren, ready to bear with their infirmities, and to do them good as we have opportunity. Amidst the toils and trials of our present condition, support and comfort us with the hope of the heavenly inheritance.

O Thou bountiful Giver of all good, who knowest what things we have need of before we ask, we cast ourselves on Thy care, and plead with Thee, according to Thy promises, for all things needful or expedient for us. Grant us, in all our duties, Thy help; in all our difficulties, Thy counsel; in all our dangers, Thy protection; in all our sorrows, Thy peace. And whatsoever it may please Thee to give or to withhold, teach us to trust in Thine assurance that all things work

together for good to them that love Thee, and to rest contented with Thy will.

Father of mercies, whose power hath sustained us, whose bounty hath provided for us, whose love hath redeemed us, we render praise and thanksgiving unto Thee, acknowledging that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy benefits; and we beseech Thee so to impress them on our hearts, that we may show our thankfulness by a cheerful and steadfast obedience to Thy commandments.

We pray for all our relatives and friends, that they may be blessed with Thy favour and protection. Forgive our enemies, and reward our benefactors. We pray for those who are in affliction, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them.

Look with compassion on the whole human race. Promote their peace, liberty, and happiness; and above all, bring them to the knowledge of Thy truth.

And now, O God, we commit ourselves to Thee. Grant us quiet sleep, and mercifully spare us to enjoy the blessings and discharge the duties of another day.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

# Tuesday Morning.

"Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God: for unto Thee will I pray. My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up."

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Father and Preserver, we give Thee thanks that of Thy goodness Thou hast watched over us during the past night, and brought us to see the light of another day. Strengthen and guard us by Thy grace, we beseech Thee, that we may spend this day in Thy service, seeking Thy glory and the good of our fellow-men. Cause us to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee do we trust. Cause us to know the way wherein we should walk; for we lift up our souls unto Thee.

We confess, O God, that by reason of our manifold sins we are unworthy to seek any blessing at Thy hands; but we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to blot out all our iniquities. Let them no longer come between us and Thee, hiding from us the light of Thy countenance; but of Thy boundless mercy be pleased to forgive them, and to remember them no more.

Help us for the time to come to yield ourselves entirely to Thy service. Let it be the purpose of our

lives to honour Thee, and to do only such things as are pleasing in Thy sight.

Assist us in the duties of our calling. Grant that while we are not slothful in business, we may also be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. And enable us, while labouring for the life that now is, to look ever beyond it to that heavenly life which Thou hast promised to Thy children.

Defend us, O God, in soul and body, from all evil. Guard us against the assaults of the devil, the snares of the world, and the sinful desires of our own hearts. Continue and increase Thy grace within us, until we be perfected in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We commend to Thy fatherly care all whom we should remember in prayer, asking Thee to pardon their sins, and to make them holy with the holiness of Christ, and to guide them by Thy Spirit.

Remember in Thy great mercy the poor, the suffering, and those appointed soon to die. Relieve and comfort and sustain them, O God, by Thy heavenly grace, and grant that finally they may rest with Thee.

Extend Thy compassion, we beseech Thee, to all mankind. Put an end to war, discord, vice, and superstition everywhere, and cause that all the nations may speedily be enlightened and sanctified by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bless our native land. May the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ be the glory thereof, and Thy fear our strength.

Graciously hear our humble supplications, according to the riches of Thy mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Tuesday Evening.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, who hast appointed the night for rest and the day for labour, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so rest in peace and quietness during the coming night, that afterwards we may be fitted for our appointed labours. Take us into Thy holy protection, so that no evil may befall us, and no plague come nigh our dwelling. Although we have not passed this day without greatly sinning against Thee, yet let it please Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to hide our sins with Thy mercy, as Thou coverest all things on earth with the darkness of the night, and to bury them evermore out of Thy remembrance ; and grant that as our bodies are refreshed by quiet sleep, so also our minds may be made tranquil by a comfortable sense of Thy forgiveness.

We thank Thee, O God, that Thou hast not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Help us, we pray Thee, with true faith to rest on Him, and all our life long with purpose of heart to cleave to Him. And when at length our days are ended and our work is finished in this world, grant that we may depart hence in the blessed comfort of Thy favour, and in the sure hope of that glorious kingdom where there is day without night, and life without the shadow of death, for ever.

We pray for Thy blessing on our beloved friends. Guard them from evil by night and by day. Supply their wants out of Thy glorious riches, and above all, enrich them with spiritual and heavenly blessings.

[Regard with Thy favour the children of this family. Deliver them from the temptations that surround them, and cause them to grow in knowledge and in grace.]

May all the members of this household, in their several places and relations, find their appointed toil dignified and sweetened to them by the thought that in all things they are serving the Lord Christ.

We implore Thy blessing for all widows and orphans; and for the poor, the sick, the sorrowful, and the dying. Succour and relieve them according to their necessities; and overrule Thy dealings with them for their spiritual good.

Bestow Thy favour on the British Empire and all its Colonies. Preserve to us our liberties and privileges. Bless our Sovereign and all in authority;

enable them to rule in Thy fear; and grant that under them all orders of the people may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations, and wouldst have all men to come to the knowledge of the truth, open, we beseech Thee, a great door and effectual for the preaching of Thy blessed Gospel everywhere; and hasten the time when all the ends of the earth shall turn to Thee, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee.

And now, O Lord our God, we entreat Thee, incline Thine ear to the voice of our supplications, which we present unto Thee in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, in whose words we further pray:—

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Wednesday Morning.

"I will sing of Thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning: for Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy."

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, it is a good thing to give thanks unto Thee, to sing praises unto Thy name, O Thou Most High, to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

We thank Thee for having created us after Thine own image, and endowed us with the gifts of reason and of conscience.

We thank Thee for the bounties of Thy providence; for health and strength; for food and raiment; for manifold social blessings and domestic comforts; for seasonable help in our times of need; for consolation in our hours of sorrow; and for all the care and kindness Thou hast shown to us from our birth even until now.

Above all, we magnify Thy name for Thine unspeakable mercy to our souls. We thank Thee that Thou hast given Thy beloved Son to be the propitiation for our sins; that Thou hast promised Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify our corrupt nature; that Thou hast called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of Thy Gospel; that Thou hast abundantly favoured us with means of grace, and hast comforted us with the hope of glory.

Have mercy on us, O God, after Thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions; and for the sake of Thy beloved Son, continue to us Thy love, and visit us with the joy of Thy salvation.

O God, by whose good hand upon us we have been

spared to see the light of another day, and in whose merciful providence we are now called to go forth to our work and labour until the evening, grant us, in all our occupations, the aid of Thy strength and the guidance of Thy wisdom. Teach us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee, and do Thou direct our steps. And whatsoever we do, in word or in deed, enable us to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks unto Thee, even our Father, by Him.

Graciously hear us, O God, while we plead with Thee for all whom we ought to remember at a throne of grace.

Bestow Thy favour on our kindred and friends. Reward with Thy bounty all that have done us good. Pardon all who have done or wished us evil, and enable us to forgive them from the heart.

God of all comfort, have pity on the afflicted. Send them Thy grace to sustain them in their hours of trial. And let Thy chastening, though for the present it seemeth grievous, yield in them afterward the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

Look with compassion on the whole world. Hasten the time when repentance and remission of sins shall be preached in the name of Jesus to all nations; and grant that wherever Thy Gospel is already known, its holy and blessed fruits may be more and more abundant.

Hear our prayers, O God, and accept our praises, for the sake of Thy beloved Son our Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all glory, thanksgiving, and dominion, world without end.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be

Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Wednesday Evening.

"In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, who by Thy merciful providence hast upheld us throughout the past day, and under whose care we feel that we can lay ourselves down and sleep in peace during the coming night, we acknowledge our dependence on Thee, and lift up our souls in thanksgiving for Thy goodness.

Pardon, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our past ingratitude for Thy manifold loving-kindnesses. Remember no more against us our transgressions. Continue to us temporal and spiritual blessings, and teach us henceforth to show our thankfulness for them, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and doing those things that are pleasing in Thy sight.

Grant, O God, that our experience of Thy goodness may lead us at all times to put our trust in Thee. Cause us to feel assured that Thou, who hast blessed

us hitherto, wilt bless us still, and wilt withhold from us nothing which, in Thine unerring wisdom, Thou knowest to be needful or expedient for us.

Grant also that a due sense of Thine unmerited kindness may subdue in us every feeling of discontent. May we meekly submit to our hardships or deprivations, acknowledging that they are not worthy to be compared with the bounties of Thy providence and the riches of Thy grace.

Father of mercies, who art kind unto the unthankful and to the evil, teach us to be generous towards all men, to love our enemies, to bless them that curse us, and do good to them that hate us, to walk in love as Thou hast loved us, and from the heart to forgive one another, even as Thou for Christ's sake hast forgiven us.

God of all grace, we beseech Thee, have mercy on all our brethren of mankind, and bring them to the knowledge and reception of Thy truth. Grant that true religion, which exalteth a nation, may prevail more and more in our native land. By their holiness and good works may all the people praise Thee.

We pray for the sons and daughters of affliction, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, and to overrule Thy fatherly chastening to their eternal good.

And now, O God, we commit ourselves to Thee. Watch over us during the darkness of the night. Save us from all dangers. Grant us refreshing sleep; and bring us in peace to the light of a new day.

Graciously hear us, O Father, and have mercy on us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Strength and our Redeemer.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Thursday Morning.

"Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in Thee.

"Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day."

### Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who knowest what things we have need of before we ask, and art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, direct and aid us, we beseech Thee, in our supplications; that though of ourselves we know not how to pray, and are not worthy that Thou shouldst grant our requests, we may ask and obtain whatsoever is expedient for us, according to Thy glorious riches in Christ Jesus; to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and praise for evermore.

O God, who hast set our iniquities before Thee, and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance, we humble ourselves in Thy most holy presence, acknowledging our utter unworthiness in Thy sight. We have cause to be ashamed before Thee, when we remember how little we have thought upon Thee; how often we have forgotten Thee; and how many have been our sins against our fellow-men.

Enter not, O Lord, into judgment with Thy servants, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. But for the sake of Jesus Christ, who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree for us, grant us Thy forgiveness, and lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

Cause us to have regard to Thy glory in all we think and all we do, and let our chief desire be in all things to please Thee, and to hasten the coming of Thy kingdom.

Teach us to redeem the time, because the days are evil; to give diligence to make our calling and election sure, and to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

Teach us to worship Thee spiritually and acceptably, through Christ; to reverence Thy name, and Word, and ordinances; to honour our superiors, and respect our equals and inferiors; to wrong none in their body or estate, but to love and forgive our enemies.

Prepare us for all sufferings, with faith and hope and patience. Strengthen us for the right discharge of every duty. Cause us to overcome in all temptations, and to persevere even unto the end; that having lived soberly, righteously, and godly in this pres-

ent world, we may be prepared for the next, and may joyfully receive the summons to depart, from having loved and served Thee on earth, to praise and hold fellowship with Thee for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Bestow Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, on our friends and kindred. Keep them from the evil that is in the world. Remember them for good, and visit them with Thy salvation.

Father of mercies, have pity on the afflicted. Relieve their distresses; comfort them in their sorrows; and grant them a happy issue out of all their troubles.

Prepare us, O God, for every trial and for every duty. As our days, so let our strength be. Guide us by Thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us into glory, for the Lord Jesus' sake.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Thursday Evening.

"Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

## Let us Pray.

O LORD our God, most high and holy, who humblest Thyself to behold the things that are on earth, and dost not despise the prayer of the penitent, have mercy on us, Thine unworthy children, and hear us when we call on Thee in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are not worthy to lift up our eyes to heaven, or to take Thy holy name into our lips. Our sins have been many. Our own hearts condemn us on account of them; and Thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things.

Lord God, most merciful and gracious, remember not against us, we beseech Thee, the sins of this day. Pardon the vanity of our thoughts, our waywardness of temper, our worldliness of spirit, our want of love to Thee, and of charity to our fellow-men. Justify us freely by Thy grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; and grant us, for His sake, the blessedness of those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered, and unto whom Thou imputest not iniquity.

Gracious God, who desirest not sacrifice, but requirest of us to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Thee, grant us, we pray Thee, the grace of a true repentance; and so direct and govern our hearts and lives, that henceforth we may walk in the way of Thy commandments, and may offer unto Thee sacrifices of righteousness, well-pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Teach us to examine and prove ourselves in the

light of Thy Holy Word, that we may not continue in any sin or neglect any duty. Let our rejoicing be the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity we have our conversation in the world.

O God, who bearest with our sins and crownest us with Thy loving-kindnesses, give us hearts more sensible of Thy love to us, and more full of love to Thee, and dispose us ever to seek our happiness in the doing of Thy will and in the hope of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Merciful Father, who givest Thy beloved sleep, let our rest this night be quiet and refreshing; and if it please Thee to spare us to see another day, enable us faithfully to spend it in Thy service.

We commend to Thy care our relatives and friends, beseeching Thee to remember them with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit them with Thy salvation.

[We implore Thy blessing on the children of this family. Preserve them from the sins and dangers of youth. Incline their hearts to seek Thee early; and prepare them for serving Thee here and hereafter.]

Bestow Thy favour on all the members of this household. May we be faithful servants of the Lord Christ, and at last receive of Him the reward of the inheritance.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, have pity on those whom Thou hast visited with affliction.

Look with compassion on our fellow-men who are sitting in darkness; cause Thy marvellous light to shine upon them; and hasten the time when all the nations of the earth shall be brought to the faith and obedience of Thy Gospel.

Give ear, O God, to our humble supplications, and grant unto us an answer in peace, for the Lord Jesus' sake.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Friday Morning.

"O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him and keep His commandments; let Thine ear now be attentive, and Thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant, which I pray before Thee now."

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, through whose care we have slept in peace and awaked in safety, we give Thee thanks for all Thy past goodness, and humbly implore Thy continued favour. Thou art our God, early will we seek Thee. Our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will we direct our prayer to Thee, and will look up.

We confess before Thee that we are sinful creatures, unworthy to receive any blessing at Thy hands. But we put our trust in Thy well-beloved Son, who gave Himself as a sacrifice for our sins, and ever liveth to make intercession for us; and in His name we beseech Thee to grant us Thy pardon, to aid us with Thy grace, to sanctify our souls for Thy service, and to fulfil every need of ours according to Thy riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

O God, who hast appointed to every man his duty, and art now calling us, in the morning of another day, to go forth to our labour until the evening, teach us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. Enable us to perform our work with diligence, and to guide our affairs with discretion. And let it please Thee, in all our undertakings, to further us with Thy help, and to grant us such success as seemeth good to Thee.

Teach us, in our dealings with our fellow-men, to walk in truth and uprightness before Thee; rendering unto all their dues, and doing unto others as we would that they should do to us. Dispose us, as much as lieth in us, to live peaceably with all men, to be kindly affectioned one to another, and to do good to all as we have opportunity.

Help us by Thy grace to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Suffer us not to be overburdened with its cares, ensnared by its pleasures, corrupted by its riches, or led astray by its follies.

Teach us to live above it, and to look beyond it, as pilgrims and strangers on the earth, as all our fathers were.

Keep us chaste in all our thoughts and temperate in all our enjoyments. Suffer us not to be tempted

above what we are able to bear, but in every temptation make a way to escape, that we may be able to bear it.

Father of mercies, extend Thy compassion to those who are disabled by sickness and infirmity for engaging in the active business of life. Help them to glorify Thee in their affliction by meek submission to Thy will, and by a firm trust in Thy gracious promise that all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

Bestow Thy favour on our friends and kindred. Deliver them from the evil that is in the world, and keep them by Thy power through faith unto salvation.

Bless all ranks and conditions of men among us. Help them in their several stations faithfully to walk with Thee.

[O God, who blessest the springing of the earth, and crownest the year with Thy goodness, vouchsafe unto us favourable weather and fruitful seasons, that our pastures may be clothed with flocks, and our valleys covered with corn, and our souls may rejoice and be glad in Thee.]

Extend Thy mercy to all our brethren of mankind. Our heart's desire and prayer is, that they may be saved. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

Grant these requests, O Father, we beseech Thee, and all other things which Thou knowest to be needful for us, according to Thy promises made to us in Jesus Christ, through whom we humbly offer our prayers, and to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Friday Evening.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful: but his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night."

### Let us Pray.

O LORD, who art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee, incline Thine ear, we beseech Thee, to our supplications, which we offer in the name of Thy well-beloved Son. Let our prayer be set forth before Thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

We thank Thee for the help Thou hast given us throughout this day, and we humbly beseech Thee to grant us, during the coming night, such quiet rest as shall enable us on the morrow to go forth again with renewed strength to our appointed labours.

Pardon, O God, our offences against Thee in thought, word, and deed.

Quicken our souls that they cleave not to the dust. Convince us of the vanity of this world.

Lead us to choose Thee as the only satisfying portion, and help us so to pass through the things that are temporal that we may not lose those things which are eternal.

Blessed be Thou, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to Thine abundant mercy, hast begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved for us in heaven. Grant, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope in us, we may remain steadfast in faith, and may abound in every good work. Having our conversation in heaven, and our life hid with Christ in God, may we rest in the full assurance that when He who is our life shall appear, we also shall appear with Him in glory.

Graciously hear us, O God, while we plead with Thee, not for ourselves only, but also for our brethren. Cause Thy light to shine on those who are in darkness. Bring into the way of truth all who are deceived. Succour the tempted. Raise up the fallen. Provide for the destitute. Comfort the afflicted. Support the dying, and prepare them for their change.

And now, O God, we humbly commit ourselves, and those dear to us, to Thy care. May Thy Spirit be with our spirits during the silent watches of the night. Be merciful to us all, we beseech Thee, and bless us, and make Thy face to shine upon us, for the Lord Jesus' sake.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Saturday Morning.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

### Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who inhabitest eternity, but dwellest also with the broken and contrite spirit, incline Thine ear to the voice of our supplications, and pour out upon us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that, humbled for our sins, and trembling at Thy Word, we may be revived and comforted with Thy fellowship, and may render unto Thee acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remember not, we beseech Thee, our manifold offences, by reason of which we are unworthy to lift up our eyes to the place where Thine honour dwelleth. Graciously forgive us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, and through Him let it please Thee to bestow

upon us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, whereby we may be disposed and enabled truly to love Thee, heartily to trust in Thee, and wholly to give ourselves to Thy service.

O Lord, who hast called us to be holy because Thou art holy, fulfil in us, we beseech Thee, all the good pleasure of Thy goodness, and stablish us in every good work. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Deliver us from evil thoughts, unholy passions, and uncharitable tempers; from pride and vanity, from malice and revenge, from envy and discontent, from covetousness and worldliness. Cause us to abound more and more in faith, and love, and temperance, and godliness. Strengthen in us all holy desires, all good purposes, all kind and brotherly affections, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in us and we in Him. O God of peace, sanctify us wholly. And grant that our whole spirit and soul and body may be established in holiness before Thee, and preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Graciously hear us, O God, while we plead with Thee for all whom we ought to remember in our prayers. We commend our friends to Thy favour, our benefactors to Thy bounty, our enemies to Thy forgiveness.

[We pray for the children of this family. May they be lambs of the flock of Christ, tended, fed, and saved by the Good Shepherd.]

We pray for all the members of this household. May we all be able to discharge our different duties in Thy fear with all fidelity.

We beseech Thee to look with compassion on the afflicted, and to grant them all needful consolation and relief. We pray for the dying, that it may please Thee to comfort and sustain them when flesh and heart are failing. We pray for all men, that Thou wouldst enlighten and convert them, until the whole world be filled with Thy glory.

And now, O God, we commit ourselves to Thee. Aid us this day in our several occupations. And whatsoever we do, in word or deed, enable us to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, through whom we humbly offer our prayers, and to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for evermore.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Saturday Evening.

"I will extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever."

## Let us Pray.

HEAVENLY FATHER, who hast brought us to the close of another day and of another week, help us to look back with gratitude on all the way by which Thou hast led us, and on all the care and kindness Thou hast shown us. Make us truly thankful, we beseech Thee, for the preservation of our lives and the supply of our daily wants; for health of body and soundness of mind; for the blessing of home and kindred; for strength and skill to labour, and for whatever success may have crowned our labours; above all, for Thy patience in bearing with our manifold sins, and Thy mercy in continuing to us the means of grace and the hope of glory.

O Lord our God, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn to Thee and live, grant that Thy goodness may lead us to repentance.

Humble us while we think of all the evil we have done, and of all the good we have omitted to do.

Teach us to reflect, with godly sorrow, on the time we have wasted, the talents we have abused, the privileges and opportunities we have neglected.

Help us, under a deep conviction of our sinfulness, to put our trust in Thy well-beloved Son, in whom alone we have redemption through His blood.

For His sake pardon our manifold offences and give us Thy Holy Spirit, that, being restored to the enjoyment of Thy favour, and renewed in holiness after Thine image, we may live to the praise and glory of Thy name.

O God, who hast made our days as an handbreadth, so that our age is as nothing before Thee, impress us with a sense of our frailty. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; and while week after week swiftly passes, dispose us to redeem the time, and to give heed to the things which belong unto our peace, lest they be hid for ever from our eyes. Enable us to imitate Christ, our great Example. Teach us to be sober, watchful, and prayerful; and grant that after having done and suffered Thy will upon the earth, we may depart in peace, and may have an entrance ministered to us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, for those whom we ought to remember at a throne of grace. Bless all who are in offices of trust and of authority, and aid them with Thy grace.

Look down in pity on the sick and the afflicted; comfort and relieve them according to their necessities. Gather and number them with the blessed, and overrule Thy chastening for their eternal good.

Have mercy on all the family of mankind. Diffuse among them the knowledge of Thy Gospel, and cause them to receive it in faith and love.

We commend ourselves and all who are dear to us to Thy care this night. Give us the sleep of Thy beloved, and protect us by Thy power; and, if it please Thee, spare us to see the light of Thy holy day, and fit us for the profitable discharge of its solemn duties.

These our humble supplications we present before Thee, O Thou that hearest prayer. Graciously answer them, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to whom, with

Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, for evermore.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

# SECOND WEEK.

## Lord's Day Morning.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

"O love the Lord, all ye His saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful."

### Let us Pray.

O LORD our God, who hast commanded us to remember the Sabbath-day and keep it holy, enable us to sanctify this day by resting from the cares and pleasures of the world, and by giving ourselves up to Thy service. Teach us to call the Sabbath a delight, and grant us in the observance of it a foretaste of those heavenly joys which Thou wilt hereafter bestow upon Thy people, through Christ our Lord.

Thou art worthy, O God, to receive blessing, and honour, and thanksgiving. Thy power hath created us; Thy bounty hath sustained us; Thy patience hath spared us; Thy love hath redeemed us. Blessed be Thou, who daily loadest us with benefits, O God of our salvation.

O God, who knowest all our frailty and folly, and from whom our sins are not hid, have mercy upon us after Thy loving-kindness; and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Forgive us all the evil we have done; condemn us not for the good we have omitted to do; but, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, receive us graciously, and love us freely.

Almighty God, who workest in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure, give us grace, that we may truly repent of our sins, and heartily yield ourselves to Thy service. Let it be the work of our lives to obey Thee—the joy of our souls to please Thee—the satisfaction of our desires, and the fulfilment of our hopes, to walk with Thee in the comforts of Thy fellowship, and to dwell with Thee in the glories of Thy kingdom.

O God, who art light, and in whom is no darkness at all, shine into our hearts, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, and cause us, in Thy light, clearly to see light. Deliver us from ignorance, error, and unbelief; dispose us, as children of the light and of the day, to renounce the hidden things of shame, and by the purity of our lives to commend ourselves to every man's conscience in Thy sight. May our fellowship be with Thee the Father, and with Thy Son Jesus Christ; and when the shadows of this life have passed away, grant that we may enjoy the vision of Thy heavenly glory, and may ourselves shine forth with the brightness of the sun, in Thy kingdom for ever and ever. Teach us evermore to look to Christ, that unto us He may appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Almighty God, who hast spared us in Thy providence to see another return of Thy holy day, make us thankful for this season of hallowed rest; and enable us by Thy grace to sanctify it, to the honour of Thy name and the good of our souls. Cause us to rejoice when it is said unto us, Go ye up into the house of the Lord; and teach us to esteem a day spent in Thy courts as better than a thousand. Give grace to Thy ministering servants, that they may handle aright the Word of truth; and let their preaching be in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Draw nigh to those who are necessarily withheld from worshipping Thee in the congregation of Thy people, and make them glad with the light of Thy countenance. Have pity on those who neglect Thine ordinances; cause them yet to seek Thee whilst Thou art to be found, and to call upon Thee whilst Thou art near. Look with compassion on the whole family of man. Send forth the light of the Gospel into every land, and pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh, that Thy righteousness may be openly shown in the sight of the heathen, and that the whole earth may be filled with Thy glory.

These, our humble supplications, we present to Thee, in the name of Jesus, Thy beloved Son, to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and praise, dominion and blessing, for ever and ever.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Lord's Day Evening.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High: to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night."

### Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast permitted us to enjoy the holy rest of the Lord's Day, and the blessedness of the man whom Thou causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts, we give Thee thanks for the privileges Thou hast given, and humbly pray that we may profit by the use of them.

We bless Thee that we have a great High Priest who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and we beseech Thee to pardon for His sake the manifold sins of our sacred duties. Graciously receive the tribute of our worship; and grant that the saving truths of Thy Word may be fixed in our memories and impressed upon our hearts, that, as precious seed sown in a good soil, they may bring forth fruit abundantly to Thy praise.

O our God, we have cause to be ashamed that

hitherto we have profited so little by the lessons of Thy Word and the worship of Thy house. Let them not rise against us to our condemnation; but grant that we may grow in knowledge and in grace, according to the opportunities and advantages Thou hast afforded us, and that by our continual advancement in godliness we may be enabled to show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light.

Almighty God and Saviour, in whom all fulness dwells, we humbly beseech Thee that we may receive of Thy fulness grace sufficient for us; so that, being taught of Thee, we may abound more and more in all goodness. Fill us with the knowledge of Thy will. Perfect our repentance. Strengthen our faith. Enliven our hope. Increase our love. Suffer us not to rest satisfied with present attainments; but carry us forward in the path of duty, until we are fit to be translated to that better country where, being fully conformed to Thine image, we shall see Thee face to face.

And, seeing we know not the day nor the hour when the Lord shall appear, give us grace that we may be ready to meet Him when He comes in His glory.

We pray for all our brethren of mankind, that they may be brought to a knowledge of the truth. Be merciful to the land in which we dwell. Bless our Sovereign and his family. Be gracious to all who minister in holy things.

Visit in mercy the children of affliction; supply their wants; relieve their sufferings; give unto them patience; and in Thy good time deliver them from all their troubles.

Take us, we beseech Thee, and all who are dear to us, under Thy fatherly protection this night. Defend us from danger; grant us quiet sleep; and, if it please Thee, spare us to enjoy the blessings and to discharge the duties of another day.

Graciously hear us, O God, and have mercy on us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Strength and our Redeemer.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Monday Morning.

"Let my cry come near before Thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to Thy word.

"Let my supplication come before Thee: deliver me according to Thy word.

"My lips shall utter praise, when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes."

### Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, continue to us throughout the course of it Thy fatherly

guidance and protection. Defend us from all danger; keep us from all sin; and so direct and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may walk in uprightness before Thee, and do always that which is pleasing in Thy sight.

We confess, O God, that we are prone to forget Thee amidst the business of our daily life, and that we have in many things offended Thee by our disobedience. Pardon, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our manifold sins and shortcomings in the time that is past; and enable us henceforth more constantly to remember Thee, and with greater diligence and faithfulness to serve Thee.

Help us to enter on the labours of the week in the spirit of that worship which we yesterday rendered unto Thee in Thy house, and of those holy lessons which were addressed to us from Thy Word. Teach us to acknowledge Thee in all our ways. Whether we be called to command or to obey, to teach or to learn, to labour or to endure, enable us in our several callings to abide with Thee. And whatsoever we do, dispose us to do it heartily, as unto Thee and not unto men.

Father of mercies, receive our thanks for all the benefits, temporal and spiritual, which from day to day Thou art graciously bestowing on us; and enable us to show our gratitude, not only by the praises of our lips, but by the cheerful obedience of our hearts and lives.

Prepare us, O Christ, for Thy coming. When Thou comest quickly, may we be found watching, ready to say,—Even so come, Lord Jesus.

[To Thy fatherly care, O God, we commend the children of this family. Preserve them from the dangers

and temptations to which, in an evil world, they are exposed. Cause them to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, whom to know is life eternal.]

Give the protection of Thy presence to all who dwell in this house, that Thou mayest be known to be the Defender of this family and the Inhabitant of this dwelling. Grant unto us all as Thy servants, health of body and soul, that we may love Thee with all our strength, and with perfect affection fulfil Thy pleasure through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Graciously hear our intercessions, O God, for the Queen and all in authority, that they may rule as Thy servants; and for the ministers in the Church, that they may be faithful and successful.

We pray for our friends and kindred, that it may please Thee to remember them for good and to visit them with Thy salvation; for those who are in adversity and affliction, that they may be blessed with the comforts of Thy Word and Spirit; and for all men, that they may be brought to the knowledge, faith, and obedience of Thy Gospel.

These our humble supplications we present to Thee, O Thou that hearest prayer. Graciously answer them for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

# Monday Evening.

"The Lord shall preserve Thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

"The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore."

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea—our sun and shield, our refuge and defence, the strength of our heart and the rock of our salvation—enable us to put our trust in Thee. Teach us with full assurance to look up to Thee as our reconciled God and Father in Christ Jesus, and graciously remember Thy word unto Thy servants, on which Thou hast caused us to hope, that Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Pardon, O God, whatever want of confidence we have shown towards Thee, and lead us henceforth by the teaching of Thy Holy Spirit to trust in Thee with all our heart. Help us to rely on the goodness of Thy providence. Increase our faith in the promises of Thy Word. Dispose us to cast upon Thee all our cares, humbly to commit to Thy keeping all our interests, and earnestly to seek the guidance of Thy wisdom and the aid of Thy strength in all our undertakings.

Teach us, O God of all grace, wholly to depend on

the merciful provisions of Thy Gospel. Counting all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, may we seek to win Christ, and to be found in Him, having the righteousness which is by faith. Convince us that without Him we can do nothing, but that through His strength we can do all things. May we be persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear our prayers for our kindred and our friends. Deliver them from evil, preserve them in all good, and bring them to everlasting joy.

Bless our neighbours, and all with whom we are associated in the work of life. Sustain them by Thy grace, and enable us all to help one another on the way to heaven.

Succour those who are in distress. Reveal Thy marvellous light to such as are in darkness. Increase everywhere the number of Thy faithful people; and let all those that trust in Thee rejoice, because with favour Thou dost compass them as with a shield.

And now, O God, we commend ourselves to Thy care. We will lay ourselves down in peace and sleep, because Thou only makest us to dwell in safety.

Graciously hear the voice of our supplications, which we offer in the name of Thy well-beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done

in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Tuesday Morning.

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you."

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, who hast taught us to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make our requests known unto Thee, we cast ourselves this morning on Thy care, and humbly ask of Thee those things which are necessary as well for the body as the soul.

Holy Father, by reason of our manifold offences we are not worthy to come into Thy presence. But we put our trust in the merits of Thy beloved Son, who gave Himself a sacrifice for our sins; and for His sake we earnestly beseech Thee to take away all our iniquity, to receive us graciously, and to supply all our need.

O God, who knowest our wants, and hast graciously promised to them that seek first Thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, that all other things shall

be added to them, grant us such earthly blessings as Thy wisdom seeth to be expedient for us. Give us neither poverty nor riches; feed us with food convenient for us,—lest we be full and deny Thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest we be poor, and steal, and take the name of the Lord in vain.

Make us to be heartily content with Thy blessed will.

Suffer us not in prosperity to forget Thee, or in adversity to think ourselves forgotten of Thee. May the trial of our faith be found unto praise, and honour, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ our Lord. Teach us to thank Thee for all Thy gifts; and when earthly comforts fail, to rejoice the more in the God of our salvation.

Above all, grant that our spiritual wants may be abundantly supplied out of the fulness of the Gospel, to the end that our souls, growing in knowledge and in grace, may be strengthened and nourished unto life eternal.

We pray not only for ourselves, but for our brethren, that it may please Thee to succour them according to their several necessities. Give food to the hungry, clothing to the naked, instruction to the ignorant, comfort to the sorrowful, health to the sick, and hope to the dying.

Hear our prayers for the prayerless, and save the impenitent, that they perish not eternally. Deliver the heathen from their idolatry, the Jews from their unbelief, and the followers of the false prophet from their misbelief. Accomplish the number of thine elect, O God, and brighten Thy world speedily with the glory of Christ.

Bestow Thy blessing on the labours of the artisan and the husbandman; bless our trade and commerce. [Grant unto us favourable weather and fruitful seasons, that our fields may in due time yield an abundant increase.]

Bless our native land with plenty and prosperity. Enrich with Thy favour our Sovereign the King. Give to all ranks and conditions of the people such temporal and spiritual blessings as are needful for them.

Hear us, O God, and grant an answer of peace, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Tuesday Evening.

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day. Because thou hast made the Lord which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

## Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who orderest all things in heaven and on earth according to Thy wise counsel, give us grace that we may reverently adore Thee and cheerfully submit to Thy most blessed will. Teach us to acknowledge that Thou art just in all Thy ways and holy in all Thy works; and although clouds and darkness are about Thee, enable us to rejoice that righteousness and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne, and that mercy and truth go before Thy face.

We confess, O God, that we have been slow to own the wisdom and goodness of Thy dealings with us; that we have often been discontented with our own condition, and have looked with envy and uncharitableness on the good of others; and that, instead of meekly bowing to Thy will, we have often, by our discontent, rebelled against Thee.

Pardon, O God, wherein we have thus offended Thee. Graciously receive us through the merits of Thy beloved Son, in whom we have redemption and salvation. Forgive, for His sake, our many provocations, and remember our iniquities no more.

Give us grace also, whereby we may be enabled wholly to give ourselves up to Thy disposal. Make us willing that Thou shouldst choose our portion for us. Confirm our faith in the assurance Thou hast given us that all Thy ways are mercy and truth to such as keep Thy covenant and Thy testimonies, and that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Teach us, in whatsoever state we are,

therewith to be content, that everywhere and in all things we may be instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

O God, who hast prepared for us in heaven a better and more enduring inheritance than can be found on earth, dispose us to seek those things which are above; and enable us so to look at the things which are unseen and eternal, that we may bear patiently all present hardships, and may reckon them unworthy to be compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in us.

Father of mercies, we thankfully acknowledge Thy goodness to us throughout this day; and during this night we humbly commit ourselves, and all whom we love, to Thy fatherly protection. Suffer no evil to befall us, nor any plague to come nigh our dwelling.

We pray for the members of this household, that they may prosper in all things and be in health; above all, that their souls may prosper.

We pray for the sick, the sorrowful, and the dying, that it may please Thee to comfort and support them.

We pray for the whole family of mankind, that Thou wouldst mercifully enlighten and convert them, and bless them in Christ Jesus with spiritual and heavenly blessings.

Incline Thine ear, O God, to our supplications, which we offer in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and only Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our

daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Wednesday Morning.

"Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee."

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, who by the entrance of Thy words givest light to the simple, fill us, we beseech Thee, with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we may walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing, and may be fruitful in every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy compassion to give us true faith in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. May we trust Thee with all our heart, and ever render unto Thee a faithful service. Enable us to believe those truths which are essential to our salvation, and which alone can establish in us virtue.

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. We thank Thee that we have a great High Priest, who ever liveth to make intercession for us, and in His name we earnestly beseech Thee to pardon our sins, to help our infirmities, and to bestow

upon us whatsoever things Thou knowest to be needful or expedient for us.

Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief. Pardon the weakness and unsteadfastness of our faith. Make it more firm and lively and effectual, that we may be filled with all joy and peace in believing, and may be fruitful in every good work.

God of all grace, enable us this day, and all the days of our sojourning in the body, to live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us, and gave Himself for us. Give us grace continually to abide in Him, that we may bear much fruit. Whatsoever we do, in word or deed, dispose us to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to our God, even Thee our Father, by Him.

May we be holy in conversation, and godly, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God.

Guide and strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful to all our responsibilities, honest in all our dealings, and gentle in our communications with all men. May we be able to preserve an even temper and the spirit of Christian charity amid all the anxieties of our business and the trials of our daily life.

Graciously hear our intercessions, we beseech Thee, for those whom we ought to remember at Thy throne of grace. Bestow Thy favour on our friends. Give relief and comfort to the afflicted. Instruct the ignorant; reclaim the erring; build up Thy saints in their most holy faith.

[Bestow Thy blessing on the children of this family. Keep them from the snares and dangers of an evil world; and cause them to grow in knowledge and in grace.]

Bless our King, and all in authority over us. Extend Thy favour and protection to our country. Bless Thy whole Church throughout the world. Watch over Thy flock wherever scattered, and in Thine infinite mercy be pleased to gather all at last into the one heavenly fold.

These our humble supplications we present to Thee, in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Wednesday Evening.

"O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before Thee. Let my prayer come before Thee: incline Thine ear unto my cry."

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, who hast taught us to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make our requests known unto Thee, pour out upon us a spirit of grace and supplica-

tion, and enable us so to cast our care upon Thee, that Thy peace, which passeth understanding, may keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting.

Teach us, O God, to love Thee with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, that, living ever in holy sympathy with Thee, we may be constrained to love what Thou dost love, and to do good to all men as we have opportunity.

We acknowledge, O God, that our hearts have been estranged from Thee; that we have been regardless of Thy goodness, indifferent to Thine excellences, and unthankful for Thy benefits; that we have allowed the sins and vanities of the world to rob Thee of our affection, and that we have preferred the indulgence of our sinful desires to the enjoyment of Thy favour and loving-kindness.

Merciful Father, who hast given Thine own Son to be the propitiation for our sins, grant us, for His sake, Thy mercy to forgive us and Thy grace to help us. Pardon all the defects of our love to Thee, and all the excess of our love for earthly things. Turn our inclinations and affections from those vain objects which would draw away our hearts from Thee. Give to us clear views of Thine excellency, and impress us with a lively sense of Thy goodness. Above all, teach us to comprehend, with all saints, the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of Thy love towards us in Jesus Christ.

God of all grace, without whom we can do nothing, enable us to continue in Thy love; and cause our love to abound yet more and more, that we may prefer Thy favour above our chief joy. May we delight to do Thy

blessed will, and may we be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto Thy praise and glory.

Father of mercies, we give Thee special thanks for the love Thou hast this day conferred upon us. And we beseech Thee this night to keep us and all who are dear to us safe under Thy protection.

O God, who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, look with compassion on all who are afflicted. Heal the sick; provide for the destitute; deliver the oppressed; prepare the dying for their change.

Let Thy way, O God, be known upon the earth, and Thy saving health among all nations. Gather the dispersed of Israel, with the fulness of the Gentiles, into Thy fold, and add to Thy Church daily such as shall be saved.

Mercifully hear us, O God, and accept of us, for the Lord Jesus' sake.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Thursday Morning.

"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

## Let us Pray.

O GOD, who hast taught us to approach Thee as children to a Father able and ready to help us, send forth, we humbly beseech Thee, the Spirit of Thy Son into our hearts, that we may now draw near unto Thee with all holy reverence and confidence, and may by faith obtain the petitions which we ask of Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O our God, we are ashamed to lift up our faces unto Thee; for our consciences accuse us and our sins witness against us. We confess that our hearts are corrupt, and that there is no soundness in us. We acknowledge that there is a law in our members, warring against the law of our mind, and bringing us into captivity to the law of sin. We lament that when we would do good evil is present with us; and that through the power of the sins that beset us, we are often turned from Thy ways, and led to do that which is hateful in Thy sight.

Father of mercies, we beseech Thee to have compassion on us. Be pleased, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy well-beloved Son, to blot out all our sins; and to bestow upon us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, whereby we may be renewed after Thine image, and may die unto sin and live unto righteousness. Enable us to crucify the flesh, with its evil desires and affections; and grant that, being made free from sin, and having become servants to God, we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Almighty God, who givest power to the faint and increasest strength to them that have no might, we look to Thee for aid in all our duties and in all our trials. Fulfil to us, now and always, Thy promise, that as our days so shall our strength be. Arm us with might to resist every temptation, and stablish our hearts in every good word and work, that we may stand perfect and complete in Thy will.

Guide us in all that we think and say and do this day, that all may be to Thy glory. Keep us amid all the temptations which may beset us at home and abroad, and grant that we may so behave ourselves, that men may know that we are Thy servants, and ruled by Thy holy will.

Bestow Thy favour, we beseech Thee, on our friends and kindred. Bless them and keep them, and make Thy face to shine upon them. Extend Thy pity to the sick and the afflicted. Comfort the mourners. Prepare the dying for death, and give them assurance of their safety in Jesus Christ.

O God, who wouldst have all men to come to the knowledge of the truth, let Thy Word everywhere have free course and be glorified; and hasten the time when all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

Graciously hear us, O God, and accept of us, through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator, to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our

debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Thursday Evening.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

### Let us Pray.

O THOU that dwellest in the heavens, unto Thee do we lift up our souls. We thank Thee for the encouragement Thou hast given us to come with boldness unto the throne of grace; and for the assurance that if we, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto our children, much more wilt Thou, our heavenly Father, give Thy Holy Spirit to them that ask Thee.

Grant us, we pray Thee, this great gift. Let Thy Spirit be shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Let Him be unto us a Spirit of light and truth, to guide us to the understanding of Thy mind and will; a Spirit of power, to quicken us, and to strengthen us with all might in the inner man; a Spirit of comfort, to cheer us in our times of trouble; and a Spirit of holiness, to purify us more and more, and to make us fruitful in every good work.

Pardon, O God, wherein we have offended Thee by

grieving or resisting Thy Spirit. Suffer us not to do despite unto Him, lest He should cease to strive with us any more. Cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us, but grant that He may abide with us continually, making us to grow in knowledge and in grace.

O God our Father, who hast called us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, and hast given us in Him exceeding great and precious promises, we earnestly pray that Thy Holy Spirit may witness with our spirits that we are Thy children.

Hear our intercessions, O God, in behalf of all our brethren of mankind. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all flesh, that the wilderness may become a fruitful field, and that the whole earth may be filled with Thy glory. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all the Churches, that Thy work may appear in them. Impart the consolations of Thy Spirit to all whom Thou hast afflicted, that they may be strengthened, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness. Give unto all Thy people, we beseech Thee, the grace of Thy Holy Spirit in such measure as Thy divine wisdom seeth to be needful to build them up in their most holy faith, and enable them steadfastly to abide with Thee, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We thank Thee for the mercies of the day; for strength to labour and for reason to guide us in our temporal concerns; and above all, for the heavenly light which Thou hast caused to shine upon us, showing us the true way to the heavenly country.

And now, O God, we humbly commit ourselves, and

all whom we love, to Thy fatherly care. Grant us refreshing sleep; shield us from all evil; and bring us in peace to the light of a new day.

Graciously hear us, O God, and have mercy upon us, for the Lord Jesus' sake.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Friday Morning.

"I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my strong tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised."

### Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who dwellest in the light to which no man can approach; in whose presence there is no night, in the light of whose countenance there is perpetual day; we, Thy servants, whom Thou hast preserved during the past night, and who live by Thy power, desire this morning to bless Thee for the

defence of Thy watchful providence; and humbly pray Thee to grant that this day, and all the days of our life, may be holy and peaceable, healthful to our bodies and profitable to our souls.

O Lord our God, we are sinful creatures, unworthy of Thy favour, but we are sorrowful and repentant. And though Thou hast just cause to be angry with us, yet in Christ Jesus hath Thine anger been turned away. Be pleased, O God, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to blot out all our sins from Thy remembrance, and to heal our souls that we may sin against Thee no more. Open our eyes that we may see our infirmities; make us watchful against them; enable us to overcome them; and give us perfect understanding in the way of godliness, that we may walk in it all the days of our pilgrimage. Dispose us to be faithful and diligent in our several callings; cheerful and zealous in duty; patient in trial; charitable in temper; pure and sincere in speech; fervent in prayer, and ready to every good work. And whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, enable us to do all to Thy glory.

Let Thy good providence continually watch over us, that we may be delivered from all evil. Enable us so to spend this day that it may be profitable both to ourselves and others; and grant that we may, throughout our whole life, be so directed and governed by Thy Holy Spirit, that when the time of our sojourn on earth is ended, we may die in Thy favour, rest in a holy hope, and finally obtain the joys of a blessed resurrection.

Regard with Thy favour this family and neighbourhood. Prosper our country. Protect our King. Guide all in authority. Bless Thy Church Universal.

Unite the hearts of all Thy faithful people in the belief and love of Thy truth, and hasten the prevalence of Thy kingdom among all nations.

God of all comfort, have pity on the afflicted; assuage their griefs; relieve their sufferings; and overrule Thy chastening for their good.

Graciously hear and answer us, O Lord, according to the fulness of Thy mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Friday Evening.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

### Let us Pray.

ETERNAL GOD, Father of men and angels, by whose care and providence we are preserved and blessed, comforted and assisted, we heartily thank Thee for the many temporal and spiritual mercies

Thou hast bestowed upon us this day. Suffer us not to be forgetful of Thy benefits; and though we are not worthy of the least of them, be pleased still to remember us for good.

Pardon, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, the sins we have this day committed against Thee; the unprofitableness of our services, the strength of our evil passions, the uncharitableness of our tempers, the rashness of our words, and the vanity and evil of our actions. Let us never return to those iniquities of which we are ashamed, and which bring sorrow and death. Give us command over our evil inclinations, a perfect hatred of sin, and a love to Thee above all the desires of this world. Let it be the great employment of our lives to honour and serve Thee, and let our rejoicing be the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we live and act in the world.

O Lord our Keeper, watch over us, and over all who are dear to us, this night. Shield us from all harm; keep us from all sin; and whether we sleep or wake, let us live with Thee. Fulfil Thy promise, that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. Enable us to pass the time of our sojourning in Thy faith, and fear, and love; and when we die, receive us unto Thyself, that we may dwell in Thy presence, and behold Thy face, and sing praises unto Thy name for ever.

[We implore Thy blessing on the children of this family. Teach them to remember Thee in the days of their youth; and keep them by Thy power through faith unto salvation.]

Enable the members of this household, we beseech Thee, to show all fidelity in their appointed duties. And whatsoever they do, dispose them to do it heartily, as unto the Lord and not unto man.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, look with compassion on the sick and the afflicted. Give them support and comfort in their trials; and overrule Thy fatherly chastening to the everlasting welfare of their souls.

Bless our King, our rulers, and our country. Pardon our many national sins; continue to regard us with Thy favour; and make us a people fearing Thee and working righteousness.

Bless Thy whole Church. Unite all Christians in the bonds of a common faith and love, and speedily fill the whole earth with Thy glory.

Give ear, O God, to our humble supplications, for the sake of our only Mediator, Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory for evermore.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

# Saturday Morning.

"I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt Thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart."

## Let us Pray.

O LORD, open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise. Pardon our unworthiness. Help our infirmities, and graciously receive the worship which we render unto Thee, through Christ our Lord. We acknowledge Thee as the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift; who forgivest our iniquities, who healest our diseases, who redeemest our life from destruction, who satisfiest our mouth with good things, who crownest us with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

Pardon, O God, our ingratitude for Thy benefits. Fill us with love to Thee, who hast first loved us, and teach us, as becometh the children of so many mercies, to be kind and compassionate towards our fellow-men, loving them out of a pure and fervent heart, and doing them good as we have opportunity.

Above all, give us a deep and abiding sense of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge; and grant that it may constrain us to walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us. Dispose us to bear one another's burdens, so as to fulfil the law of Christ. Help us to

remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that it is more blessed to give than to receive; and make us willing, if need be, to deny ourselves, so that we may more abundantly supply the wants of others. Teach us, as much as lieth in us, to live peaceably with all men, recompensing to no man evil for evil, but overcoming evil with good. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking be put away from us, with all malice; and make us kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving, even as Thou for Christ's sake forgivest us.

We implore Thy blessing on all the members of this family. May they be kindly affectioned one towards another, and find how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

We pray for the welfare and happiness of our Sovereign; for the peace and prosperity of our country; for the speedy enlightenment and conversion of all nations.

We beseech Thee to look with compassion on the afflicted, and to grant them all needful relief and consolation.

And now, O God, we commit ourselves to Thee. Watch over us this day; deliver us from all danger; aid us in our lawful occupations; and keep our souls unspotted from the world.

Grant these requests, O Father, we beseech Thee, which we humbly present in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our

daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Saturday Evening.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

### Let us Pray.

O GOD, of whose grace alone it cometh that we are able to pray to Thee as we ought, deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from wanderings of thought and coldness of affection, and enable us in faith to ask of Thee such things as it shall please Thee to bestow, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator.

Pardon, O God, our trespasses and sins, and give us grace, that henceforth we may be enabled to bring forth fruits meet for repentance, and to show our gratitude for Thy goodness by a cheerful and constant obedience to Thy holy will.

Blessed Lord, who hast power to stablish us according to Thy Gospel, strengthen our hearts that we fall not from our steadfastness. Hold Thou us up, and so we shall be safe. Suffer us no more to wander from

Thy ways, or to grow weary in keeping Thy commandments. Whatever of sin or of infirmity Thou seest in us, O Lord, forgive it, and help us to overcome it. Whatever of good Thy grace may have wrought in us, be pleased to confirm and complete it. Make us watchful against temptation; strong in faith; diligent in duty; patient in trial; and fervent in prayer. Teach us to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ; and to take unto us the whole armour of God, that we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.

O Thou that savest by Thy right hand them that put their trust in Thee, grant us defence and deliverance from all the enemies that war against the soul. Let Thy divine power so strengthen our weakness, that neither the craft of the devil, nor the allurements of the world, nor the evil desires of our own hearts, may prevail against us, but that we may in all things be more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

Hear our intercessions, O Lord, in behalf of all our brethren of mankind. We pray for the nations that are sitting in darkness, that it may please Thee to bring them into Thy marvellous light. We pray for Thy Church Universal, and more especially for the Church of our fathers, that truth and godliness may flourish in it more and more, and that its members, united in the bonds of love, may dwell together in unity. We pray for those whom Thou hast visited with affliction, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, and to overrule their trials for the everlasting health and welfare of their souls. We pray for the members of this family, and for all connected with them, that they may be blessed with the joy of Thy salvation,

sanctified by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and kept by Thy power through faith unto life eternal.

And now, O God, we beseech Thee to watch over us, and over all who are dear to us, this night. Preserve us from all evil; grant us refreshing sleep; and if it please Thee, spare us to enjoy the blessings, and fit us to discharge the duties, of Thy holy day.

These our humble supplications we present in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

# Family Prayer before a Baptism.

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

LET US PRAY.

GREAT and eternal God, Father of all men, grant unto us at this time the spirit of prayer; and seeing that Thou hast appointed that men should dwell together in families, be pleased, for Christ's sake, to bless us as members of one family gathered together to worship Thee.

Bless us in our different relationships, that we may always render unto Thee the honour due to Thy great name, and may be able to comfort and strengthen one another as we seek the things which belong to Thy heavenly kingdom.

We thank Thee for all Thy goodness to us, and humbly plead with Thee still to remember us with that love which Thou bearest unto Thine own; and seeing that, in Thy providence, a child has been born into this home, we ask Thee, for Christ's sake, to show Thy mercy now, and always, to this little one.

O Lord, we desire to dedicate this child to Thee through Jesus Christ our Saviour, and to do all things for *him* according to Thy will; guide us, we beseech Thee, unto this end.

We thank Thee for the loving-kindness of Christ as manifested toward the little children, when He took them up in His arms and blessed them; and as it is our desire this day to present this child to Christ our Lord in the holy sacrament of Baptism, we beseech Thee of Thy mercy to grant us the influences of the Holy Spirit, that we may do so in faith. Baptize *him* with the Holy Ghost, and receive *him* into the Church of Christ.

May *his* name be written in the Lamb's book of life. May *he* be a living member of Thy Church, and grow in grace and in the knowledge of *his* Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Most gracious God, of Thy great mercy shield *him* from danger, keep *him* from temptation; and grant that, learning the way of salvation, and persevering therein to the end, *he* may have a place at last in the heavenly kingdom.

These things we ask for Jesus Christ our Redeemer's sake.—*Amen.*

# Family Prayer after a Baptism.

"For ye are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

LET US PRAY.

HEAVENLY Father, and God of all grace, we desire to thank Thee with our whole hearts for all Thy goodness to us, and chiefly for that grace of Thine in Jesus Christ, which has enabled us this day to present our child to Thee in the holy sacrament of Baptism.

We beseech Thee to bless *him* now and evermore. Guard *him* from every danger, succour *him* in every time of peril, and deliver *him* in every time of temptation.

Grant that when *he* comes to years of knowledge, *he* may willingly take upon *himself* the vows which have this day been taken for *him*. May *he* be able to witness a good confession, and to live as a faithful member of the Church of Christ. May *he* know Christ and Him crucified, and so believe in Him, that *he* may walk in the way of life. May the Holy Spirit evermore impart to *him* wisdom, and holiness, and light, and strength, so that *he* may never fall away from Thee, but may be of the number of those who at the last shall obtain life everlasting.

Help us now and always to remember that we have

been dedicated to Thee in Baptism, and to thank Thee for the blessings received in that holy sacrament. Give us grace to live as members of the Church of Christ, and to witness a good confession. In Jesus Christ our Lord may we die unto sin, and live unto righteousness. Having been baptized into His death, even as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, may we also in Him walk in newness of life.

Merciful Father, forgive our sins; cleanse us from all iniquity; and so guide us by Thy Spirit, that we may live pure and holy lives, as those who have been washed from sin and made holy with the holiness of Christ. And grant that as we live with our Christian brethren in the world, we may be able always to walk in brotherly love, remembering that they and we have been baptized by the same Spirit, into one body.

Hear these our prayers, O God, for Jesus Christ our Redeemer's sake; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be glory and dominion, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

# Morning of a Day of Preparation for the Holy Communion.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

"Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."

LET US PRAY.

LORD GOD, merciful and gracious, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but hast promised to receive into Thy favour, for Christ's sake, such as are truly penitent, we humble ourselves before Thee under a deep sense of our unworthiness, and ask at this time the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may approach Thee with sorrow for our sins, and an earnest desire after true holiness.

We have broken Thy holy laws. We have been unthankful for Thy benefits. We have slighted the calls of Thy Word, and the chastenings and warnings of Thy providence. We have loved the creature more than the Creator, and have preferred our own ease and pleasure to Thy glory.

We have sinned against our brethren of mankind, by pride and envy, by malice and uncharitableness;

and we have harboured evil thoughts, cherished impure affections, suffered our hearts to be overcharged with the cares, and vanities, and pleasures of this life, and neglected the things which belong unto our peace.

O most merciful God, who of Thy great love hast given Thine only-begotten Son to be the propitiation for our sins, and hast declared Thine acceptance of His sacrifice, in that Thou hast raised Him from the dead, increase, we beseech Thee, our faith in Him; and grant that Thy Holy Spirit, while convincing us of sin, may enable us to take unto our hearts the blessed assurance of Thy forgiveness and fatherly kindness, through Jesus Christ our Lord; so that we may be filled with all peace and joy in believing, and may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Give us grace, also, whereby we may be enabled to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Grant that, with godly sorrow for the past, and with sincere purpose of obedience for the future, we may turn our feet unto Thy testimonies, and make haste to keep Thy commandments.

We give Thee thanks for the prospect Thou art affording us of showing forth the death of our Redeemer, and partaking of the symbols of His broken body and shed blood. Aid us in all our preparatory exercises of prayer, and self-examination, and repentance. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Meet with us, we beseech Thee, in Thy courts, and help us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Enable Thy ministering servants to speak to us a word in season; and grant that their preaching may be accom-

panied with the demonstration and power of Thy Holy Spirit.

Let Thy Word everywhere have free course and be glorified, and hasten the time when it shall be preached throughout the whole world.

We commend our friends to Thy friendship; our benefactors to Thy bounty; our enemies to Thy forgiveness; and all the children of adversity to Thy tender compassion.

Graciously hear us, O God, and have mercy upon us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, who hath taught us to pray, saying—

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

# Evening of a Day of Preparation for the Holy Communion.

"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord."

"Turn Thou us unto Thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old."

## Let us Pray.

O GOD, who inhabitest eternity, whose name is Holy, look down in the greatness of Thy compassion on us Thine unworthy children assembled before Thee. Graciously hear the confessions and prayers which we have this day made to Thee in the name of Thy beloved Son. Give us the spirit of true repentance, and have pity upon us, and forgive us, for unto Thee, O Lord our God, belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee.

Comfort our hearts, we beseech Thee, with a full persuasion of Thy fatherly mercy in Jesus Christ our Saviour; and let a sense of Thine undeserved goodness excite in us a holy dread of offending Thee, and an earnest desire in all things to obey Thee. And being redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, may we no longer live as if we were our own, but yield up ourselves entirely to Thy service, and glorify Thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are Thine.

We thank Thee for the prospect we now have of joining in that holy ordinance in which our Redeemer's sufferings are commemorated, and the precious blessings

purchased by His death are represented and sealed to His faithful people. We acknowledge our unworthiness of so great a privilege. We confess that we have not used, as we ought, the blessed privileges of past communions to Thy glory and for our own spiritual good. We deeply lament that our holy impressions at the table of the Lord have so often been effaced, and that our solemn vows have so often been forgotten. O Lord, lay not these sins to our charge. And now that Thou art once more inviting us to sit down at the table of the Lord, enable us to go thither with more simplicity and godly sincerity than hitherto; with a livelier faith, a warmer love, a deeper penitence; with hearts more humbly dependent on Thy grace, and more firmly devoted to Thy service.

To this end may it please Thee to bless unto us the holy services in which we have this day been engaged, and the instructions which have been addressed to us from the Scriptures. Let not Thy word return unto Thee void. May its precious truths abide in our minds, and its holy fruits be manifest in our conduct.

And now, O God, we cast ourselves on Thy care. Watch over us during the darkness of the coming night. Grant us quiet sleep, and, if it please Thee, preserve us to see the light of another day.

Bestow Thy favour on our friends and fellow-worshippers. Cause them to see the good of Thy chosen, and visit them with Thy salvation.

Bless all ranks and conditions of men among us. Enable them faithfully to serve and honour Thee in whatsoever calling or station Thou hast allotted to them.

Impart all needful consolation and support to the poor, the sick, the sorrowful, and the dying. Instruct

the ignorant; arouse the careless; strengthen the weak; confirm the wavering. Diffuse the glorious light of Thy Gospel among those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death; and hasten the time when all the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of the Lord and of His Christ.

Graciously hear our humble supplications, and do to us abundantly above all that we ask or think, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Morning of a Communion Sunday.

"Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day."

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

### Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast given us through Him free access to Thy presence, and art graciously inviting us, on this Thy holy day, to the worship of Thy house and the

fellowship of Thy table, bestow upon us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Impress our minds, we beseech Thee, with a just sense of the adorable attributes of Thy character. Fill our hearts with lively gratitude for the countless and unceasing bounties of Thy providence. Above all, let our souls be stirred up to bless Thee for the riches of Thy grace, and to give unto Thee the glory that is due for Thine inestimable love in our redemption.

We magnify and praise Thy holy name for having so loved the world as to give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We thank Thee that He was made flesh and dwelt among us; that He fulfilled all righteousness and went about doing good; that He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, being wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. We thank Thee that He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and being by the right hand of God exalted, received for us of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit. We thank Thee that, having gone to prepare a place for His people, He will come again to receive them unto Himself, that where He is, there they may be also.

What shall we render unto Thee, O Lord, for all Thy benefits toward us? We will take the cup of salvation, and call upon Thy name, and pay our vows to Thee in the presence of Thy people. Thou hast delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling. Help us to walk before Thee in the land of the living, seeking our rest in

Thee, and presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

Blessed be Thy name, O God of our salvation, for the renewed opportunity Thou art giving us of observing the holy sacrament of the Supper. Prepare us, we beseech Thee, for this ordinance, according to the preparation of the sanctuary. Confirm our faith in those great mysteries of redeeming grace which we are this day to show forth. Inspire us with ardent love to the Saviour. Work in us unfeigned sorrow for our sins. Give us sincere and humble purposes of new obedience, that we may with a true heart devote ourselves to His service. And enable us, while partaking of this ordinance, to feed by faith on the blessings represented by it, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Bestow Thy favour on all our fellow-worshippers, and grant that they may be united to us in the bonds of charity, as becometh those who are brethren in the Lord. Be very gracious to Thy ministering servants, and give them richly to enjoy in their own souls the comforts and blessings they are honoured to dispense to others. Supply the lack of ordinances to those who are withheld by infirmity or affliction from worshipping in Thy house, and communicating at Thy table. Visit them also with the comforts of Thy fellowship, and satisfy their souls with Thy goodness. Bless Thy Church Universal. Let grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied unto all that love the Lord Jesus in sincerity.

And now, O God, our hope is in Thee. If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence. Be

with us in all the duties that await us. Make Thy grace sufficient for us. And grant that all the words of our mouth, and all the meditations of our heart, may be acceptable in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

## Evening of a Communion Sunday.

"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him."

"I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord."

### Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of mercies, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we bless and praise Thy name for all Thy benefits. We thank Thee that Thou hast provided for us all things needful to sustain us in the present life, and that Thou hast also been pleased to feed us with that

spiritual food whereby our souls may be nourished unto life eternal.

Fill our hearts with gratitude, we beseech Thee, for what we have this day seen, and heard, and tasted, and handled of the Word of Life; for Jesus Christ, who hath been evidently set forth crucified among us; and for the memorials and pledges of His dying love, of which we have been privileged to partake. May every good impression made upon us by the solemnities of a communion season be deepened and confirmed. May the vows and resolutions we have formed at the table of the Lord be remembered and fulfilled. May the spiritual nourishment and comfort we have there received strengthen us for the duties and trials which await us, so that we may be enabled to go on our way with gladness.

Help us, O God, in all things to walk worthy of the good confession we have witnessed before many brethren. Suffer us not to return to those sins which we have solemnly renounced as the hateful and accursed things that crucified the Lord of glory. Let us not be neglectful of those duties which we have promised to render to Him, as His ransomed and peculiar people. Enable us always to bear about with us in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal flesh. And may the love of Christ constrain us to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again.

Gracious Lord, without whom we can do nothing, but through whom we can do all things, restrain us from self-confidence and presumption, and teach us humbly to trust in Thee. Hold Thou up our goings

in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. Enable us to be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; that when our course in this life is ended, we may be admitted to the supper of the Lamb, and may drink wine new with Him in the kingdom of His Father.

We commend to Thy favour our friends and fellow-worshippers, and more especially those who, on this occasion, have joined with us in commemorating the Saviour's death. May their hearts be comforted, being knit together in love. And as they have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so may they walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him, stablished in the faith, and abounding therein with thanksgiving. Be gracious to the young; confirm them in the truth, and keep them from all the evil that is in the world. Support the aged under the burden of their infirmities, and cheer them with the hope that Thou wilt never leave them nor forsake them.

Abundantly bless Thy ministering servants who have dispensed to us the word and bread of life.

Bestow Thy blessing on Thy whole Church. And hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles and the dispersed of Israel shall be gathered into Thy fold.

To Thy fatherly care, O God, we commend ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, this night; beseeching Thee to defend us from all evil, and to bring us in safety to the light of another day.

And now, O God of peace, who broughtest again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; make us perfect in every good work to do Thy will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in Thy

sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.—*Amen.*

# Occasional and Special Prayers and Thanksgivings

FOR THE USE OF

SOLDIERS, SAILORS, FISHERMEN, EMIGRANTS, COLONISTS, TRAVELLERS, SOJOURNERS IN INDIA AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."—PSALM xx. 7.

"Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them."—PSALM lxxxix. 9.

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed."—PSALM lxi. 2.

*These PRAYERS and THANKSGIVINGS are intended to be introduced where marked in the third Prayer of the FORMS FOR SOCIAL WORSHIP, or they may be used separately.*

# Special Prayers.

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## Prayers for the Use of Soldiers.

### I.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast called us to be soldiers, help us, we beseech Thee, to be loyal to our Queen, obedient to our commanders, and valiant for our country. Give us strength in hardship, patience in privation, courage in peril, and hope in death. Make us earnest in striving against the enemies of our souls. Increase our faith, that we may be able to do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us. Preserve us from those spiritual dangers to which we are peculiarly exposed; from the snares of idleness, the seductions of wicked example, the temptations of lust, intemperance, and profaneness. Deliver us from every evil work, and lead us into Thy heavenly kingdom.

We commend our friends and relatives to Thy care. Remember them, O God, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people, and visit them with Thy salvation.

Graciously hear us, and pardon, and accept of us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## II.

O LORD our God, without whom we can do nothing, but through whom we can do all things; help us by Thy grace to show all good fidelity in the state and calling which Thou hast allotted to us. Make us diligent in the performance of all duties, faithful to all trusts, fearless in all dangers, ready to yield due obedience to our commanders, not with eye-service as pleasing men, but with singleness of heart as unto Thee. Above all, make us good soldiers of Jesus Christ, following Him whithersoever He may lead us, contending for His cause, and glorying in His cross.

Take us, O God, and all who are dear to us, under Thy guardianship and protection. Supply all our needs. Deliver us from all the evils that surround us. Preserve us from the sins that so easily beset us. Enable us to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of life.

Mercifully hear us for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## III.

### TO BE USED DURING A CAMPAIGN.

O LORD of hosts, who doest according to Thy will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; we, Thine unworthy servants, called to

fight the battles of our country, implore Thy gracious aid in all our duties and trials. Dispose us strictly and cheerfully to obey all rules of discipline. Gird us with strength to endure every hardship. Arm us with courage to brave every danger. Defend us from all evils which may befall the body, and from all temptations which may hurt the soul. And, seeing that we are exposed to danger and to death, we pray that Thou wouldst make us very earnest in seeking to be at peace with Thee through Jesus Christ, and watchful and diligent in preparing for eternity.

We pray for our absent relatives and friends, that it may please Thee to watch over and protect them. Supply their wants, and minister to their comfort. Above all, enrich them with spiritual and heavenly blessings.

Bestow Thy favour on all our officers and comrades. Fit them, we beseech Thee, by Thy grace, for the discharge of their several duties.

Look down in mercy on all our afflicted brethren. Restore the sick; heal the wounded; support the dying, and prepare them for their change.

Graciously hear the voice of our supplications, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour. —*Amen.*

## IV.

### TO BE USED DURING A CAMPAIGN.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who rulest over all, and without whose aid no enterprise can prosper; bestow Thy favour upon us, Thine unworthy servants, who

in our country's cause are now engaged in active warfare. Endue our commanders with energy and wisdom. Inspire our troops with loyalty and valour. Enable us patiently to bear all toil, and bravely to encounter all danger. Encompass us with the shield of Thy protection, and crown our efforts with signal and decisive success.

Father of mercies, look down in pity on the wounded and disabled. Relieve their pains, and comfort them in their distresses. Restore them in Thine own good time to health and vigour. Help them to bear Thy chastening with resignation, and overrule it for their spiritual welfare.

Prepare us, O God, for whatever may befall us. Work in us true repentance towards Thee, and unfeigned faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us, for His sake, the pardon of all our sins, the sanctifying grace of Thy Spirit, the assurance of Thy love, and the hope of Thy heavenly kingdom.

We pray for all our relatives and friends. Give Thine angels charge over them, to keep them in all their ways. Provide for their wants. Alleviate their anxieties. Restore us in Thine own good time to their society. But grant, above all, that we and they may meet together in that better world, where parting is unknown.

Grant these requests, O Father, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour. —*Amen*

## V.

### TO BE USED DURING A CAMPAIGN.

O GOD, the strength of all that put their trust in Thee, our shield in danger, our very present help in trouble, look down with favour on us Thine unworthy servants, in this time of war. Keep us mindful that nothing can befall us without Thy divine permission; and give us grace to commit the keeping of our souls to Thee in well-doing as unto a faithful Creator.

Grant us Thine aid in the performance of all our duties in the camp and on the field of battle. Whatever station we may occupy, and to whatever service we may be called, therein, O Lord, enable us to be brave and faithful. Give to our leaders, in every enterprise, the counsel and direction of Thy wisdom. And make us, and all our fellow-soldiers, we beseech Thee, ready to follow and willing to obey them, leaving the issues with Thee, the only giver of victory. Above all, teach us to honour Thee, our heavenly King, to trust in Thy Son as the Captain of our salvation, and so earnestly to fight under His guidance the fight of faith, that when the toils and strifes of earth are ended, we may receive a crown that fadeth not away.

Extend Thy fatherly protection, O God, to those beloved friends from whom we are far separated. Bless them and keep them, and make Thy face to shine upon them. And grant that we may yet in peace and safety be restored to them.

And now, O God, we go forward in Thy strength. Be Thou at our right hand, and we shall not fear what men may do to us. O Lord God of hosts, give us the victory over our enemies, and thereafter grant that peace may come.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## VI.

### TO BE USED IN PROSPECT OF A BATTLE.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who sittest on Thy throne judging right, look down in mercy on us, Thine unworthy servants, exposed in our country's cause to the perils of battle. Be Thou our help and our shield. Give to our leaders energy and skill, and to those under them loyalty and devotedness. Above all, inspire us with that trust in Thee from which true courage springs, and by which Thy servants of old waxed valiant in fight, and turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

It hath pleased Thee, O Lord, to bless, in times past, the arms of our beloved country, and to lead forth her hosts to victory. Be graciously pleased now also to maintain our cause, not for the increase of our pride and vainglory, but for the preservation of our just rights, the restoration of an equitable peace, and the glory of Thy holy name.

Merciful Father, who hast given Thine own Son to be the propitiation for our sins, we earnestly beseech Thee, at this solemn hour, to bestow upon us Thy for-

giveness of all our sins, and to cheer us with a sense of Thy favour. Sanctify us wholly by Thy Spirit.

To Thy care we commend our relatives and friends. Spare us, O Lord, that we may yet see them in this world. But if it be Thy will that we should not see them again on earth, may we meet them at last in the presence of Thy glory.

Lord God of hosts, we go forward in Thy strength. Arise, O Lord, help us, and deliver us, for Thy name's sake. Endue us with courage. Restrain all vindictive passions. Dispose us to be obedient to our commanders, helpful to our comrades, and merciful to the fallen foe. Cover our heads in the hour of battle. Sustain our strength; and lead us on to victory.

Hear us, O God, for the sake of Thy beloved Son; to whom, with Thee the Father, and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, world without end.—*Amen.*

## VII.

### TO BE USED BEFORE A BATTLE.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who rulest among the nations, setting up one and bringing down another, according to Thy will, Thou that musterest the host of the battle, we come unto Thee in prayer, and ask Thee to go forth with us now, making us fit for every duty, and upholding us by Thine almighty power.

Teach our hands to war; make our arms strong; and gird us with might in the battle. Deliver us, if it be Thy will, from wounds and death, and grant us

the victory. Remove fear far from us, and enable us to quit us like men. Prosper the just cause, O God, and bring us forth in safety from the midst of our enemies. Then will we give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and will sing praises unto Thy name.

Give now, O Lord, Thy grace to those of us who will fall in the battle. Prepare all such for death. Subdue the rage of battle in them before they die, that they may die in peace of spirit, with Thee and with all men.

Give to those who will have to bear wounds, and suffering for many days, patience, and much strength to bear. In the exultation of victory keep us within the bounds of purity, sobriety, and of the Christian victor's joy, lest we forget Thee and the duties we owe to all men.

Forgive all our sins, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, and grant that there may be in us evermore the spirit of Christ Jesus our Lord, so that living or dying we may be His.

Bless all our dear ones in distant lands. Keep them and do them good, O God of our salvation; and, if it be Thy holy will, spare us to join them again in the land of our birth; but above all, grant to every one of us such faith and true holiness that, through Jesus our Lord, we may come at last into Thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, keep us all faithful unto death; and then do Thou give unto us the crown of life.—*Amen.*

## VIII.

### TO BE USED AFTER A BATTLE.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who in Thy merciful providence hast covered our heads in the day of battle, and saved us from the hands of our enemies, we thankfully acknowledge Thy great goodness. May Thy grace enable us truly to thank Thee, and to devote to Thy service the lives which Thou hast spared. Because Thou hast been our help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will we rejoice. Because Thou hast delivered our souls from death, we will walk before Thee in the land of the living.

Continue to us, we beseech Thee, Thy protection, and teach us steadfastly to put our trust in Thee, as our reconciled God and Father in Christ Jesus, so that we may not fear although an host encamp against us. Suffer us not to faint or be discouraged in adversity; and in success dispose us to give all the glory to Thee. Grant us Thine aid in our warfare, and crown our arms with victory, that peace may be secured.

Father of mercies, have pity on the wounded. Relieve their sufferings; sustain their strength; render effectual the means used for their recovery; and let Thy chastening, though for the present grievous, yield in them afterwards the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

Bless, O God, the friends and relatives of the fallen. Provide for their wants, and comfort them in their time of sorrow.

Teach us all, that in the midst of life we are in

death, and by Thy grace prepare us for our change. Confirm our faith and hope in the Redeemer, who is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto Thee through Him. And enable us with purpose of heart to cleave unto the Son; living or dying, may we be the Lord's.

Graciously accept our praises and answer our prayers, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our strength and our Redeemer.—*Amen.*

## IX.

### THANKSGIVING AFTER A VICTORY.

LORD GOD of hosts, mighty in battle, we give Thee thanks for the victory with which it hath pleased Thee this day to crown our arms; and we pray that we, and all in authority over us, may by Thy grace be enabled to improve it to Thy glory, for the honour of our country, and for the good of all mankind.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord our strength, who teachest our hands to war and our fingers to fight; our fortress, our deliverer, and our shield, who savest us from the sword, and subduest the people under us. Not unto us, O God, not unto us, but unto Thy name be the glory, for Thy mercy's sake.

We pray for the friends of those who have been slain in battle, that it may please Thee to comfort and support them, shedding Thy love abroad within their hearts, and teaching them to look beyond the fading

glories of earth to the eternal brightness and blessedness of heaven.

Be Thou pleased to bless our enemies. Enable us from the heart to forgive them, and give peace in our time, good Lord.

Keep us all mindful how near we are to death, and help us with earnestness and watchfulness to prepare for it. Let the life we henceforth lead in the body be a life of faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us. And let it be our constant endeavour by Thy grace to fight the good fight of faith, until, having conquered the enemies of our souls, we shall at length reign and triumph in Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation; in whose name we offer our thanksgivings and prayers, and to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, we ascribe all honour and glory, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

## X.

### FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED.

FATHER of mercies and God of consolation, mercifully look down on Thy servants our comrades who have been smitten with grievous sicknesses or painful wounds. Grant relief and comfort in their sufferings, and bless the means used for the recovery of their health and strength, that, being yet spared to serve Thee on the earth, they may give up the residue of their lives to Thy glory. But whatever be Thy will, O God, prepare them for it, and enable them with meekness to submit to it. Work in them

unfeigned repentance for all their sins. Give them steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus Christ, and grant that, being at peace with Thee through Him, they may, whether in life or in death, be upheld with the assurance of Thy favour, and comforted with the hope of Thy heavenly kingdom.

We pray for our sick and wounded enemies, asking for them the blessings we seek for ourselves; and we pray that peace may speedily come.

Give ear, O God, to our humble supplications, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour. —*Amen.*

# Prayers for the Use of Sailors and Persons at Sea.

## I.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea; under whose protection we are alike secure in every place, and without whose providence we can nowhere be in safety; look down in mercy on us, Thine unworthy servants, who are called to see Thy wonders in the deep, and to perform the duties of our vocation on the great waters. Let Thine everlasting arm be underneath and round about us. Preserve us in all dangers. Support us in all trials. Conduct us speedily and safely on our voyage, and bring us in peace and comfort to our desired haven. Bless the officers and sailors of this ship. Guide them in all times of perplexity and danger, and enable them continually to put their trust in Thee.

Be pleased to watch over the members of our families, and all the beloved friends whom we have left behind. Relieve our minds from all anxiety on their account, by the blessed persuasion that Thou carest for them. Above all, grant that our souls may be

defended from whatsoever evils or perils may encompass them; and that, abiding steadfast in the faith, we may be enabled so to pass through the waves and storms of this uncertain world, that finally we may come to the land of everlasting rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## II.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who rulest over all, and doest according to Thy will in heaven, and in earth, and in the sea, grant unto us, as we pass through the great waters, Thy protection and guidance. Bless, we beseech Thee, the captain, the officers, and sailors of this ship, and all who sail with us. For our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who said to the waves, Be still, stretch Thy hand over the sea and shield us in every storm and peril, and bring us in safetv to our desired haven.

Teach us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee; and help us in all difficulties and dangers to trust in Thee. Though deep should call unto deep, and all Thy waves and billows should go over us, yet do Thou command Thy loving-kindness in the daytime, and cause Thy song in the night to be with us, and our prayer unto Thee, the God of our life.

Bless our homes, and care for our beloved friends. Fulfil, both to us and to them, Thy gracious promise that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us; and preserve us from ever leaving or forsaking Thee.

O Almighty God, give us all true faith in Thee, and that blessed hope in Christ Jesus our Redeemer,

which is as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil. Hear this our prayer, we beseech Thee, for Christ Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

## III.

O LORD our God, who art present everywhere to hear and help us according to our need, dispose us at all times and in all places to trust in Thee. Cause us, even in the solitude of the ocean, to feel that Thou art not far from every one of us. And be graciously pleased to fulfil to us Thy word, that if we take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead us, and Thy right hand shall hold us.

To Thy care and guidance, O heavenly Father, we commit ourselves, and all who are on board this ship, beseeching Thee to be our refuge and our strength, our very present help in trouble. Send favouring winds, and grant that, by Thy goodness, we may in due season reach in safety our appointed haven. O Christ, be Thou our hiding-place from the wind and covert from the tempest, so that, whatever dangers may surround us, our hearts and minds may be kept in perfect peace.

Bestow Thy blessing on our relatives and friends at home. Grant that they may prosper in all things, and be in health; above all, that their souls may prosper.

God of all grace, who hast blessed us hitherto, we humbly beseech Thee to bless us still. Uphold us by

Thy power. Direct us by Thy wisdom. Sanctify us more and more by Thy grace. Deliver us from all the snares and temptations to which we are exposed; so that, having ended the voyage of life in peace, we may come at last to that heavenly kingdom which Thou hast prepared for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be all honour and glory for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

## IV.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Maker and Preserver, we acknowledge that Thou art good unto all, and that Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works. The earth is full of Thy riches; so is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works: in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

We thank Thee that we are invited to commit all our ways unto Thee, and that Thou hast promised to direct our steps. Wherefore, we beseech Thee, leave us not to ourselves as we pass through the paths of the seas; but keep us safe by Thine almighty power.

O God, who carest for Thy children, for Christ's sake shield us from all danger. Suffer no evil to befall us, and no temptation to ensnare or overcome us. Assist us in all the duties of our calling; and guide us in peace and safety to our journey's end.

Bestow Thy favour on the captain, the officers, and

the sailors of this ship. Give them wisdom and courage that they rightly discharge every duty of their calling.

Bless and comfort all our relatives and friends at home. May we and they, though separated in bodily presence, be ever joined together in the unity of faith and love. And at length, when the course of this mortal life is ended, may we meet them and dwell with them for ever in that land of blessedness and rest which Thou hast prepared for Thy people, through Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Ghost, be all honour and praise for evermore.—*Amen.*

## V.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone commandest the winds and the waves, and they obey Thee; we, Thine unworthy and sinful creatures, would humbly address to Thee our prayers. We worship Thee as the living and true God, who hast made the earth, and sea, and all that is therein. Seeing Thy wonders in the deep, we magnify and exalt Thy great name, and ascribe unto Thee all dominion, and majesty, and glory.

We give Thee thanks for all that we have hitherto experienced of Thy goodness and care; and we beseech Thee still to vouchsafe to us, notwithstanding our unworthiness, the continued defence and bounty of Thy providence. Give Thy fatherly blessing to the captain and all on board this ship. Shield us from all dangers, seen and unseen. Speed us on our way, and bring us to our destination. Take all our absent friends under Thy protection, and grant that in due time we may be happily restored to them.

Above all, give unto us, O heavenly Father, the abundant influence of Thy Holy Spirit, to enlighten our minds in the knowledge of Thy truth, to purify our hearts from indwelling sin, and to work in us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Enable us ever to hold faith and a good conscience, lest by putting them away we make shipwreck of the soul; and, being guided and governed by Thy blessed Spirit, may we finish the voyage of life in safety, and find entrance at last into the haven of eternal rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee the Father, and with the Holy Ghost, one God, be glory everlasting.—*Amen.*

## VI.

### TO BE USED WHEN THERE ARE EMIGRANTS ON BOARD.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we, Thy children, who are now called in Thy providence to leave our native shores, and to pass through the great ocean, desire to commend ourselves to Thy care. We beseech Thee, who stillest the noise of the waves, and holdest the winds in the hollow of Thy hand, to deliver us, and those who sail with us, from all the perils to which we are exposed, and to grant us a swift and prosperous voyage to our desired haven. Preserve, O Lord, to the end, all our sojourning also in this life, without harm and without storm.

We pray for those of us who are emigrating to a distant country, that it may please Thee, by whom all things are ordered, to provide for us new homes in the

land of our adoption. Aid us in all our lawful undertakings. Bless us in our basket and our store. And above all, supply to us and to our families the means of grace, that our souls may be nourished and strengthened unto eternal life.

O Lord our God, from whom alone cometh strength and light, enable us to hold fast those precious truths of Thy blessed Word in which we have been instructed. Though far removed from the sanctuaries of our fathers, suffer us not, we beseech Thee, to be moved away from the faith and hope of the Gospel which we have heard.

O God of our fathers, we commend to Thy care our dear friends whom we have left in the land of our nativity. Encompass them with Thy favour as with a shield. Enrich them with the treasures of Thy grace. Cheer us from time to time with tidings of their welfare. And though we should never again see them in this world, may we meet them at last in our Father's house, and there be made perfectly blessed with them in the full enjoying of Thee to all eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## VII.

### TO BE USED WHEN THERE ARE EMIGRANTS ON BOARD.

MOST gracious God, our heavenly Father, who carest for all, teach us to live as seeing Thee who art invisible, and in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. Keep by Thy mighty power all who sail in this ship. Grant unto us fair winds and favourable weather;

open for us a safe passage through the deep; and bring us in peace to the haven which we seek.

We implore Thy blessing on our absent friends and kindred, commending them to Thee and to the word of Thy grace, which is able to build them up, and to give them an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

We pray that such of us as are emigrating to a distant land may heartily commit ourselves to Thy guidance. If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence. Lead us by a right way to a place of habitation. Provide needful sustenance for us and for our families. Above all, feed our souls with the bread of life.

Give us grace to obey from the heart the form of sound words in which we have been instructed. Enable us to walk by faith and not by sight. And though we be mindful of the country from which we have come out, and of the dear friends from whom we have been severed, grant that we may supremely desire a better country, even a heavenly. Confessing that we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth, may we seek that land of everlasting rest, where all the faithful in Christ Jesus shall be reunited, and shall dwell for ever in the presence of their Lord.

Grant these requests, O Father, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## VIII.

### ON THE OCCASION OF A STORM OR OTHER DANGER AT SEA.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble, have mercy upon us, and hear our prayer. Out of the depths do we cry unto Thee. Rebuke the wind and the sea, O God, and let there be a calm. Deliver us in this time of our extremity, that we may yet live to serve Thee, and to glorify Thy holy name.

We acknowledge that we have justly provoked Thy judgments. Our iniquities have taken hold upon us, so that we are not able to look up: they are without number, therefore our hearts fail us. O God, whose mercy is greater than our guilt, be Thou pleased to deliver us. O Lord, make haste to help us. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, we beseech Thee; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, who is able to save to the uttermost the chief of sinners, receive us graciously, forgive us freely; restore unto us the joys of Thy salvation, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit.

Give Thy blessing to the captain, the officers, and sailors of this ship. Give them wisdom, courage, and endurance, that by Thy grace they may bring us safely through this time of peril.

Help us all, O God, to commit ourselves to Thee, as to a faithful Creator and Redeemer, who hast said that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. And if it be Thy will that these waters should overwhelm us,

let our souls be safe in Thy hands, and kept by Thy power unto life everlasting. Be merciful to our relatives and friends. Assuage their griefs. Relieve their anxieties. Supply their wants. Forgive their sins. Encompass them with Thy favour as with a shield. And though we may never again see them in this world, may we meet them at last in the glories of Thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, for Christ's sake save us, or we perish. O hear us, for Thy mercies' sake, and send deliverance. Defer not, for Thine own sake, O our God. We do not present our supplications before Thee for our own righteousnesses, but for Thy great mercies, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour.—*Amen.*

## IX.

### THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM A STORM OR OTHER DANGER AT SEA.

BLESS the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all our iniquities, who healeth all our diseases, who redeemeth our life from destruction, who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. We render thanks and praise to Thee, O God, because Thou hast heard our voice and our supplications; because Thou hast inclined Thine ear unto us, therefore will we call upon Thee as long as we live. If it had not been the Lord who was upon our side, then had the

waters overwhelmed us, the proud waters had gone over our soul. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

O let our mouth be filled with Thy praise, and may we seek Thy glory all the days of our lives. Enable us, with gladness, to pay Thee the vows which our lips uttered when we were in trouble, presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service.

Grant us deliverance, not only from Thy temporal judgments, but from that everlasting condemnation which our sins deserve. Justify us freely by Thy grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Sanctify us wholly by Thy Spirit. Strengthen us with might for the patient endurance of every trial, and for the faithful discharge of every duty. May Thy great goodness to us, at this time, lead us to trust Thee more completely in the time to come. Guide us by Thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us into glory, for the Lord Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

## X.

### ON REACHING THE END OF A VOYAGE.

MOST gracious God, our Father and Preserver, we thank Thee that, by Thy good hand upon us, we have been delivered from the perils of the deep, and brought in safety to our desired haven. Fill our hearts with gratitude and our mouth with praise for all Thy care and kindness; and help us to devote the lives which Thou hast spared to Thy glory.

[Guide us to our homes; and grant that we may there find in health and comfort our dear friends, from whom we have been so long separated.[1]]

[Be with us in this strange land, and grant that in due season we may return to our homes in peace.]

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from the manifold temptations to which, on shore, we are exposed; from the snares of impurity, intemperance, and ungodliness, and from the corrupting influence of evil companionship and example. And let our conversation be in all things as it becometh the Gospel of Christ.

[Be gracious to those of us who are emigrating to a foreign land.[2] Watch over us during the remainder of our journey, and lead us by a right way to our destined habitation. To Thy fatherly care we consign the friends from whom we are severed, beseeching Thee ever to bless and to befriend them. Bestow upon them the bounties of Thy providence, and greatly enrich them with the treasures of Thy grace.]

Holy Father, we look up to Thee for all needful guidance and counsel in our earthly pilgrimage. Go with us where we go, and dwell with us where we dwell. Let goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life, and at last may we dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Mercifully hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

[1] *This or the following paragraph to be used, according as the port reached is at home or abroad.*

[2] *This to be used if there are Emigrants on board.*

# Prayers for the Use of Fishermen.

## I.

ALMIGHTY and all-merciful God, Creator and Ruler of all things, who holdest the waters in the hollow of Thy hand, hear us, who are pursuing our calling on the great deep, as we lift up our souls unto Thee.

O God, we feel our helplessness before Thee, as we are driven up and down before the tempest and the waves beat in upon us. Our faith is often ready to fail, and we are afraid at the tokens of Thy presence. Lord, we believe—help Thou our unbelief; and enable us by night and day, on sea and land, to trust in Thee.

Preserve us, O heavenly Father, in every hour of peril. Guide us in every course. Keep us from hidden dangers. Prosper us in our calling. Supply our daily wants. Teach us to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, that all other things may be added unto us.

O Lord our God, be Thou pleased to bless our homes, and all our dear ones therein. Keep them from fear for us. Give them the loving faith which brings good cheer, and prosper them every day in their labour of life.

Hear, for Christ Jesus' sake, we beseech Thee, O

God, and answer us, so that, being blessed by Thee, the Almighty God, we and all ours may have the peace and joy which come by believing, and may at last rest within Thy kingdom for evermore.—*Amen.*

## II.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, hear us when now we call on Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. O Thou who hast taught us that Thy way is in the sea and Thy path in the great waters, grant that even now we may, by faith, find Thee, and know Thee to be very near to us. Enable us continually to put our trust in Thee; and be Thou pleased to guard us from danger, to prosper us in our labour of life, and to guide us continually, so that we may be kept from sin and folly, and enabled by Thy grace always to do what is well-pleasing in Thy sight.

O Christ, Thou Saviour of men, who on the sea of Galilee didst still the tempest by Thy word of power, be pleased to grant us Thy presence, lest our faith do fail in time of peril. Increase our faith, O Lord, in Thee as our Redeemer and our heavenly Friend, and do Thou grant us Thy salvation.

O Holy Spirit, Thou that guidest to the home of the spirits of just men, and into the haven of eternal rest, shed, we pray Thee, Thy heavenly light upon our way. Guide us, lest we miss the track and perish. Strengthen us, lest we faint while watching, and prepare us for the rest that remaineth unto the people of God.

O God, hear our prayers; and unto Thee, with

Christ and the Holy Spirit, we would ascribe all honour and glory and praise, world without end.—*Amen.*

## III.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who makest the clouds Thy chariot, who walkest upon the wings of the wind, and bindest the floods from overflowing, for Christ's sake be pleased mercifully to protect us, Thy servants, from all peril on the sea. Manifest Thy loving-kindness to us in the daytime, and show forth Thy faithfulness to us every night. Bless us in the labour of our hands, and feed us with food convenient for us.

O God, who alone canst give the precious gift of faith, grant unto us power at all times to trust in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In times of storm and peril, grant that our hearts may be fearless, because we know Him who said unto the waves, Peace, be still; and because we trust in Thee, O God our Father, who art the confidence of them that are afar off upon the sea. O God, our hope is in Thee; bless and guide us, now and evermore.

Bless and keep safely all our relatives and friends. Confirm in their hearts a perfect confidence in Thy fatherly care. Remove their doubts, calm their fears, and lift their hearts to Thee, that they may have the blessed peace which comes by believing, and may commit all their care unto Thee, their heavenly Father.

These our humble prayers we offer in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

# Prayers for the Use of Colonists,

AND OF

## Sojourners in India and Foreign Countries.

### I.

FOR THE USE OF COLONISTS.

O LORD, who hast been our dwelling-place in all generations, and hast said that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us, enable us to put our trust in Thee. Though far from the land in which our fathers worshipped Thee, suffer us not to be forgetful of Thy service. Teach us still to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, honouring Thy name, searching Thy Word, hallowing Thy Sabbaths, and keeping Thy commandments. Help us to lead a life of faith in Jesus Christ Thy Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Look down, we pray Thee, with compassion on this colony. Supply our spiritual wants, and protect us from all our spiritual enemies.

Bless the Church universal.

Abundantly bless the Church of our fathers, and

all her people in every land. Grant that her influence for Christ may be felt throughout all the world, and that we her children may ever be true to Christ, her only Head and King.

Be gracious to our absent relatives and friends. Protect them by Thy power, and bless them with Thy favour, and cheer us from time to time with tidings of their welfare.

Grant us those aids of Thy providence and grace which are suited to our wants and trials. Strengthen us for our daily work. Keep us from worldly anxieties and cares. And amidst all our toils and wanderings, dispose us to seek our strength and rest in Thee, and to comfort ourselves with the hope of a better world.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## II.

### FOR THE USE OF COLONISTS.

O GOD, Creator and Preserver of mankind, who didst from the first ordain that men should go forth to subdue and replenish the earth, and hast cast our lot far from the home of our fathers, vouchsafe to us Thy heavenly guidance through all the changing scenes of this earthly life. Defend us amidst all dangers. Sustain us under all trials. Further our lawful undertakings with Thy help and blessing. Above all, preserve us from the moral and spiritual evils to which we are peculiarly exposed in a strange

land. Suffer us not, in labouring for the meat that perisheth, to neglect that spiritual meat which endureth unto everlasting life. Grant that, faithfully using such means and privileges as in Thy goodness are afforded us; reading Thy blessed Word, remembering Thy holy day, and observing Thy worship in our families, we may be kept steadfast in the faith, and made fit to enter Thy heavenly kingdom.

We pray for our relatives and friends. Encompass them with the shield of Thy protection. Supply all their need according to Thy glorious riches. Grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally give them a place with Thy saints in glory.

Hear us, O God, and graciously accept of us, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## III.

### FOR THE USE OF COLONISTS.

O LORD our God, who art present everywhere, the confidence of all the ends of the earth, bestow Thy blessing on us, Thine unworthy servants, for we are here as strangers in a strange land. Let not our souls be cast down within us at the thought of privileges formerly enjoyed, when we went to Thy house with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept Thy holy day. Cause us to feel assured that even in the lonely wilderness Thou art ever at hand to hear us when we call on Thee, and that whatsoever place may be hallowed by Thy true wor-

ship shall prove to us none other than the house of God and the gate of heaven.

We thank Thee that to us, as to Thy people everywhere, Thou hast given Thine own Son as a Saviour and Intercessor, Thy Holy Spirit as a Comforter and Guide, Thy Word of Truth as an Instructor, Thy throne of grace as a never-failing refuge. And we pray that Thou wouldst teach us to improve these great mercies, that we may not be moved away from the hope of the Gospel, and cut off, by our own neglect, from the communion of Thy saints.

Preserve us, O God, from the perils and temptations to which we are exposed. Guard us against the seductions of evil example. Save us from worldly anxieties and cares. Teach us to be patient and contented under all trials, sustaining each other by mutual kindness and self-denial, and lightening our common hardships by cheerful confidence and hope in Thee. Bless us in all the works of our hands, and sanctify all the circumstances of our lot to our growth in grace and our preparation for eternity.

Grant, O Lord, to all of us, that we may find in this new land homes wherein, because we seek to serve and honour Thee, there shall be health and prosperity, peace and the true joy of Thy people.

We commend to Thy fatherly kindness and protection our beloved friends, from whom we have been severed, and earnestly beseech Thee to remember them with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit them with Thy salvation.

Graciously hear our humble supplications, and grant an answer of peace, for Christ's sake.—*Amen.*

## IV.

### FOR THE USE OF COLONISTS.

O LORD our God, the God of our fathers and our God, we thank Thee for the protection Thou hast hitherto extended towards us, and for the strength Thou hast given us to sustain the anxieties and privations of our lives. We humbly beseech Thee to protect and bless us still. Fit us for every new employment to which we may be called, and for every new trial or hardship that may await us. And cause us to experience the truth of Thy promise, that as our days so shall our strength be.

Let Thy blessing rest on the inhabitants of this colony. Bless them in all their interests, temporal and eternal.

We pray for our friends from whom we are far separated, that it may please Thee to protect them by Thy providence, and greatly to enrich them with the treasures of Thy grace.

We pray for the whole Church of Christ throughout the world, especially for the Church of our fathers, and for her branches in this and other colonies, that they may be sound in doctrine, pure in worship, and earnest for the diffusion of Thy Gospel. Truly, O Lord, the harvest is plenteous, and the labourers are few. Send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into Thy harvest. Provide for the spiritual wants of this district. May it please Thee, O Lord, to supply our lack of pastoral care and teaching. Suffer us not to be moved away from the faith and hope of the Gospel

which we have heard. Help us, not as in the presence of our teachers only, but now much more in their absence, to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is Thou, O God, who workest in us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Sanctify us wholly, and may our whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

## V.

### FOR THE USE OF COLONISTS WHO HAVE RECENTLY IMMIGRATED.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Father and Preserver, who hast been with us in all the way by which we have come, and hast brought us in safety through all the perils of our journey, we acknowledge with thankful hearts that hitherto Thou hast helped us, and we earnestly implore Thy guidance and protection in this strange land. Be pleased to grant us suitable occupations and quiet homes in the land of our adoption. Enable us, by an upright and godly life, and by all good fidelity and industry in our several callings, to please Thee our Lord, and to find favour with those among whom we dwell. Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, for our labour; provide for our wants; support us in our trials. Above all, teach us to trust in Thee and to do good, that we may dwell in the land and verily be fed; remembering that godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Suffer us not at any time to be forgetful of those

saving truths and precepts of Thy Gospel in which it has been our privilege to be instructed. Building ourselves up on our most holy faith, and praying in the Holy Ghost, may we keep ourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Help us to maintain Thy worship in our households, and to take Thy Word as a light to guide us in our paths. And let our conduct in all things be as becometh the Gospel of Christ.

We commend to Thee our beloved friends in the land of our nativity. Be pleased to extend to them Thy guardian care and saving grace. May we and they be cheered from time to time with tidings of each other's welfare; and at last, when this life of pilgrimage is ended, may we meet them, never more to be separated, in that better country for which we are taught to look.

Graciously hear us, O Father, and accept of us, for the Lord Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

## VI.

### FOR THE USE OF SOJOURNERS IN INDIA.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast promised to be as a little sanctuary unto Thy people when afar off among the heathen, vouchsafe unto us, in this strange land, the continued care of Thy providence, and the seasonable aids and comforts of Thy grace.

Teach us, in whatsoever circumstances we are, to endure as seeing Thee who art invisible. Suffer us

not to be so engrossed with the occupations and pleasures of this life as to neglect Thy service, and the work of preparation for eternity. Preserve us from pride, luxury, and self-indulgence, and from all fleshly lusts that war against the soul. Support us in our seasons of languor and depression. Cheer us in our hours of loneliness and sorrow. Aid us in our times of labour and of trial.

Most gracious God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hast determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation, have mercy on the people of this land. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth among them, that, forsaking the worship of idols, they may learn to worship Thee, their Father and their God, through Jesus Christ Thy Son. Help them to seek Thee, and find Thee, the living and true God, that they may obtain the pardon of sin, and become partakers of the life which is eternal.

Give Thy blessing, O God, to all preachers of the Gospel of Christ in the land. May they be blessed to lead many out of darkness into the heavenly light. Help us, O God, in the midst of these our brethren, who know not the blessedness of salvation, to live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us, and in all things so to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, that they by our example may be encouraged to believe the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bestow Thy favour on the Governor-General of India, and on all subordinate magistrates and judges; and grant that their influence and authority may be used for the advancement of Thy truth, the honour of

our Sovereign, the safety, peace, and welfare of this great empire.

To Thy fatherly care we commend our beloved friends, beseeching Thee ever to watch over and protect them.

These things we ask only for the sake of Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee the Father, and with the Holy Spirit, we ascribe all honour and glory for evermore.—*Amen.*

## VII.

### FOR THE USE OF SOJOURNERS IN INDIA.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, enable us, through Christ, to make our approach unto Thee in prayer at this time, thanking Thee for our preservation and for all Thy grace, confessing unto Thee our sinfulness, and asking Thy blessing to guide and keep us every day.

Give us the things we need for this life. Let not the sun smite us by day nor the moon by night, but preserve us, O Lord, from all evil. O Thou that slumberest not nor sleepest, guard us, we pray Thee, and be our keeper. Preserve our souls, O God. Shield us from danger of every kind. Preserve us amid the perils of war and pestilence. Keep us, O God, in health, and give us daily strength for daily duty.

Give us faith in Jesus Christ, and the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit. Keep us from the sins which do more easily beset us in this land. Keep us from indifference, from love of money, from false pride, from haughtiness, and from all evil habits.

We pray for all our brethren in this land—for those

who believe, that they may increase in faith and holiness; and for those who have not believed, that they may speedily be brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Bless, we pray Thee, all ministers and missionaries in the land. Prosper them in word and work. Give them wisdom, gentleness, and patience; and grant, if it be Thy holy will, that they may have the comfort of knowing that they have been messengers of salvation to their brethren.

Guide all seekers after righteousness, removing from their minds all prejudice, and giving them the judgment to discern the truth.

O God, be pleased to keep in the truth those who have been converted from idolatry unto Christ. In Thine infinite mercy keep them by Thy grace, that they may receive the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall, when He comes the second time, give unto all them that love His appearing.

Bless our friends, O God, keeping them in peace and safety, and enabling them to rest in faith in Him who is the way, and the truth, and the life. Guide us all by Thy divine fatherly hand, and give us all at last a place in Thy holy kingdom of eternal rest. And all we ask is for Christ's sake.—*Amen.*

## VIII.

### FOR THE USE OF SOJOURNERS IN INDIA.

MOST gracious God, who art nigh to all that seek Thee, alike in the assemblies of Thy people and where two or three are met together in Thy name,

withhold not from us Thy presence and Thy blessing. Enable us, even in this strange land, to sing with melody in our hearts the songs of Zion, and cause us to see Thy power and Thy glory, so as we have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

Keep us ever mindful, we beseech Thee, of those precious truths of Thy Word in which we have been instructed. Give us grace, that we may steadfastly believe, and boldly profess, and consistently obey the Gospel, counting all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. And help us, in the midst of a people that sit in darkness, to walk as children of the light.

From all diseases and perils of the body, and from all temptations of the soul, be pleased, O God, to defend and deliver us. Endue us with the strength and wisdom that are needful for the faithful performance of our duties. And grant that, when the ends of our sojourn here are accomplished, we may be brought again to our native land in peace.

Extend Thy fatherly protection, we beseech Thee, to those beloved friends from whom we are now separated. Grant them in health and prosperity long to live. Above all, enrich them with spiritual and heavenly blessings.

Bestow Thy favour on the Governor-General of India, and on all subordinate magistrates and judges. Enable them so to execute the offices intrusted to them as to commend the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to advance the welfare and happiness of the people.

We pray for those around us who know not the Gospel of Thy dear Son, that it may please Thee to enlighten and convert them. Remove their prejudices,

dissipate their strong delusions, and bring them to the faith and obedience of Thy truth.

Graciously hear us, and grant us an answer of peace, for the Lord Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

## IX.

### FOR THE USE OF SOJOURNERS IN INDIA.

O LORD our God, who art not far from any one of us, and hast taught us to look to Thee as our very present help, bestow upon us, Thine unworthy servants sojourning in a strange land, Thy kindness and protection. Uphold us by Thy power; guide us by Thy counsel; sanctify us more and more by Thy Holy Spirit. Defend us alike from all dangers that may assail the body, and from all temptations that may ensnare and corrupt the soul. Grant us success in our lawful occupations; help us in all our ways to acknowledge Thee.

We pray for our friends and relatives at home, that it may please Thee to bless and to protect them. Bestow upon them Thy loving-kindness, which is better than life. And grant, if it be consistent with Thy will, that in Thy good time we may be happily restored to them.

Bless this great empire and all who are set in authority therein, and so guide them that there may be peace and prosperity under their rule.

We intercede for the natives of this land. Our heart's desire and prayer is, that they may be saved. Strengthen Thou the hands and encourage the hearts

of Thy servants who proclaim to them the words of eternal life; and grant that, by Thy blessing on their labours, the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified.

We pray that among our countrymen in this land there may be an increasing number of those who are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Teach them to realise that one great end of their abiding here is to hold forth the Word of Life to a people that sit in darkness. Help us all to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, and to let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father in heaven.

Graciously hear our humble supplications, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## X.

### FOR THE USE OF SOJOURNERS IN INDIA OR IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

O GOD, who art nigh to all in every place that call upon Thee in the name of Thy beloved Son, look in mercy, we beseech Thee, on Thy people scattered abroad as sheep without a shepherd; and especially on us, Thine unworthy servants, in this foreign land.

Graciously receive the tribute of our praise; incline Thine ear to the voice of our prayers; and let the precious truths of Thy Word be deeply impressed on our memories and hearts.

O God, who givest power to the faint, and increasest strength to them that have no might, keep us steadfast

in the faith of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Endue us with all needful boldness and decision to confess Him in the midst of ungodly and unbelieving men. And enable us, both by influence and by example, to commend His Gospel to those who dwell around us.

Into Thy gracious hands, O God, we commit ourselves, and all our beloved friends from whom we are now separated; beseeching Thee to extend, both to us and to them, Thy fatherly blessing and protection. Be with us in all the way that we go, and keep us in all places wheresoever we sojourn. Let Thy wisdom guide us, and Thy grace uphold us. And when the days of our pilgrimage on earth are ended, grant us an everlasting portion in that better country which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, through Jesus Christ; in whose name we present our prayers, and unto whom, with Thee, O Father, and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory for evermore.—*Amen.*

## XI.

### FOR THE USE OF PERSONS RESIDENT IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

HEAVENLY FATHER, who in Thy providence hast cast our lot in a foreign land, grant us, we pray Thee, Thy guardianship and blessing. Suffer no evil to befall us, nor any plague to come nigh our dwelling. Aid us in all our lawful undertakings, and prosper us in the works of our hands. Teach us, as much as lieth in us, to live peaceably with all men,

and to do good to them as we have opportunity. Forbid that godly habits learned in our own country should be laid aside in the land of the stranger. And help us, by a quiet, temperate, and holy life, and by all good fidelity and uprightness in our callings, to find favour in the eyes of the people among whom we dwell.

Teach us, O Lord, to worship Thee, a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. Enable us to remain steadfast in faith, and to be faithful in the use of all the ordinances of our holy religion, and by our conduct to adorn the doctrine of Christ in all things.

We pray for the good of this land, asking Thee to bless all dwellers therein, and to give them a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and all those benefits which belong to a nation whose God is the Lord.

We commend to Thy special protection our beloved friends from whom we are far removed. Bless them and keep them, and make Thy face to shine upon them. Grant, if in Thy good providence we are permitted to return again to the home of our fathers, that we may there find those friends who shall remain to us prospering, and enriched with all heavenly blessings.

O Lord our God, be pleased, we beseech of Thee, so to guide and strengthen all of us, that when all the separations and wanderings of this mortal life are ended, we may come together in heaven, and there abide for evermore, through the abounding merit and prevailing mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## XII.

### FOR THE USE OF PERSONS RESIDENT IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

O LORD our God, who art with Thy people everywhere, teach us, in this land of our pilgrimage, to place our trust in Thee. Even from the ends of the earth will we cry unto Thee. What time our heart is overwhelmed or in perplexity, lead us to the Rock that is higher than we; and give us to experience the truth of Thy promise, that Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Grant us defence and deliverance, we beseech Thee, from all those bodily dangers and diseases to which we are exposed. Abiding under the shadow of the Almighty, may we not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Above all, save us from the corrupting influence of all ungodliness, that we be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel, or tempted to walk unworthily of our high vocation. Make us thankful for the privileges we enjoy by the power of Christ dwelling in us, and help us to live as a people who are near to Thee, showing forth the praises of our God, who hath called us unto His kingdom and glory.

We implore Thy blessing on our lawful undertakings. Encourage us therein with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, and

grant us such success as Thou knowest to be expedient for us.

We pray for the good of the people among whom we dwell. Bless them with peace, and plenty, and prosperity. Above all, give them the knowledge of Thy truth, and make them wise unto salvation.

Be gracious to our absent relatives and friends. Protect them by Thy power; enrich them with Thy favour; and grant, if it be consistent with Thy will, that in Thy good time we may see their face in peace.

God of our fathers, be our God for evermore. Guide us by Thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us into glory, for the Lord Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

## XIII.

### FOR THE USE OF PERSONS RESIDENT IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we thank Thee for the encouragement Thou hast given us at all times and in all places to call upon Thy name, and for the assurance that Thou art ready to supply our need, according to Thy riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

To Thy fatherly care we commit ourselves in this foreign land, beseeching Thee to defend us from all evil, to grant us success in our lawful undertakings, and to order all the events of Thy providence for our temporal and spiritual welfare.

Preserve us amid all temptations to sin. May we

be built up in our most holy faith, and enabled to walk worthy of it. Whatever others do, let it be our firm purpose, that as for us we shall serve the Lord.

Take our absent friends under Thy protection. Bestow upon them Thy loving kindness, which is better than life, and bless them with all temporal and spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant, if it be consistent with Thy holy will, that in Thy good time we may be restored to their society, and to all the comforts and privileges of our native land. But teach us, above all, to desire that better country, where all Thy faithful children shall be reunited, and shall dwell for ever in their Father's house.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## XIV.

### FOR THE USE OF TRAVELLERS IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Friend of the stranger, and the sure refuge of all that put their trust in Thee, vouchsafe to us, Thine unworthy children, travelling in a foreign land, Thy favour and protection. Go with us wherever we go; dwell with us wherever we dwell; preserve us from all evils and dangers on our way; and bring us again to our homes and friends in peace.

Prosper us, we beseech Thee, in our journey. Make it subservient to the renewal of our health, the enlargement of our knowledge, the increase of our

charity, the strengthening of our confidence and hope in Thee. Suffer not the varied scenes through which we pass, or the manifold objects by which we are attracted, to draw away from Thee our homage and affection; but cause them by Thy grace to bring us the more closely to Thee, as the Source of every rational pleasure and enjoyment, the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Guard us, O God, against the influence of evil communications and unchristian example. Forbid that any of the customs or fashions of a strange country, which are in any wise opposed to Thy holy Word, should lead us to sin against Thee. Hold Thou us up, and we shall be safe. Let Thy testimonies ever be our delight and our counsellors, and Thy statutes our songs in the house of our pilgrimage.

Regard with Thy favour the place in which we sojourn, and bless it with light, and peace, and liberty. Be gracious to the land and the Church of our fathers.

Help us, O Lord, to commit to Thee our ways, and grant us Thy guidance and direction in our journeyings. Keep us from all the evil that is in the world, that our soul, and spirit, and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; in whose name we present to Thee our prayers, and unto whom, with Thee and with the Holy Ghost, be all honour and praise for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

## XV.

### FOR THE USE OF TRAVELLERS IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

O GOD, who fillest all things with Thy presence, and art acquainted with all our ways, grant us, wherever we go, Thy countenance and blessing. Journeying in a foreign land, we cast ourselves on Thy care. Hold Thou up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. Shield us from dangers; counsel us in difficulties; deliver us from temptations. Preserve us from all sinful conformity to manners and customs opposed to Thy holy will. Make our way prosperous, and all our affairs successful. And sanctify our experience of Thy goodness to our growth in grace and our everlasting welfare.

Watch over our homes, and in due time restore us to them. But keep us ever mindful, we beseech Thee, that this world is not our rest. Teach us to live above it, and to look beyond it. Remembering that all our life is but a pilgrimage, may we have our conversation in heaven, and seek that rest which Thou art there reserving for the faithful.

Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

# Prayers and Thanksgivings

ON

# Particular Occasions.

FOR THE SEASONS—IN TIME OF DROUGHT OR RAIN; IN TIME OF PESTILENCE; IN TIME OF WAR; FOR CHRISTIAN MISSIONS; FOR SCHOOLS.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR PEACE; DELIVERANCE FROM STORM, PESTILENCE, AND GREAT DANGER.

# Prayers and Thanksgivings.

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## I.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SEASONS.

#### 1. *In Spring.*

O GOD, our Creator and Preserver, who givest food to all flesh, causing the grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth, regard our land, we beseech Thee, with Thy favour, and send us such weather as is most seasonable, while we commit to the ground the precious seed which Thou hast given us. May it grow and increase, in some twenty, in some sixty, and in some an hundred fold, that in harvest there may be plenty.

Preserve us from plague and mildew, from flood and tempest, from excessive rain and scorching drought, from ravenous beasts and destroying insects; and grant us faith to wait on Thee, and trust Thy care, believing that Thou wilt send us what is best.

Teach us to remember, as we sow the seed, that

there is another and more precious seed, even the seed of Thy Word; and grant that we may so receive this spiritual seed that it may produce good fruit in our hearts and lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

### 2. *In Summer.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by Thy power alone governest the world and all things therein, and who hast set us, fallen men, to till the land with our labour for the support of mankind and the sustenance of the body, we humbly beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, that Thou wouldst graciously look upon whatsoever good seed is sown or planted in our fields. Send temperate weather, preserve us from blight and storm, give to the husbandmen such skill and diligence that the crops may not be marred by weeds and thorns, and grant that they may come to perfection, and that we, Thy servants, thankfully receiving the abundant fruit of Thy gifts, may render due and acceptable praise unto Thee.

We thank Thee for the glory of the summer, and the gladness of its promise; and we pray that Thou wouldst teach us to acknowledge Thee as the Giver of all joy and gladness and light, and enable us to live as children of light and heirs of the heavenly glory. —*Amen.*

### 3. *In Autumn.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who hast made all things for Thy glory and the good of Thy creatures, we humbly beseech Thee, for Christ's

sake, to grant unto us all those things which we require on earth, whether for the soul or for the body. Feed us with food convenient for us, and grant unto us that bread from heaven which endureth unto life eternal.

Pour Thy blessing upon Thy people, O Lord, at this season of the year, that of Thy bountiful goodness the earth may yield her fruits, and we, gathering them in, may use them to the praise and honour of Thy holy name.

Teach us, O Lord, evermore to have faith in Thee and Thy Word; and seeing that Thou hast promised that while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease, may we, Thy children, be enabled diligently to perform the duties required of us, leaving the issue with Thee the Ruler of all, and believing that Thou wilt, of Thine infinite mercy, provide for us all that we need, in Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

### 4. *In Winter.*

O GOD, who rulest in heaven and earth, and who hast appointed the seasons, and made summer and winter, be pleased, we beseech Thee, to bless us at this season of the year. Preserve our stores of food in times of frost and rain, and shield our flocks and herds in tempest and in snow; and enable us at all times to put our trust in Thee, our merciful heavenly Father.

Grant, O God, that in the time of winter we may be cheered by the thought that the spring surely cometh again; and remembering this, may we labour

and wait till Thou dost send again into the natural world the manifest beauty of life and growth.

Grant likewise, O Lord, that when we see these things, we may be taught to wait through the winter of this present sinful state, in sure hope that a time of renewed life is coming, when Thy saints shall have part in the glorious resurrection which is to be by the mercy of Christ Jesus.—*Amen.*

## II.

### PRAYER FOR RAIN.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who preservest all Thy creatures, and suppliest the wants of every living thing, look, we beseech Thee, on our dry and parched land. Command the clouds, that they rain upon it. Water the ridges thereof, and make them soft with showers, that the springing of the earth may be blessed, and the year crowned with Thy goodness. Above all, grant that Thy Holy Spirit may be shed forth abundantly on us and on all Thy Churches, that Thy heritage may be refreshed, and Thy Word made fruitful, to the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## III.

### PRAYER FOR FAIR WEATHER.

O GOD, who of old didst set Thy bow in the cloud for a token of Thy covenant with the earth, we humble ourselves before Thee, acknowledging our sins

whereby we have provoked Thine anger, and earnestly beseeching for Christ's sake Thy forgiveness. Spare us, O Lord; withhold Thy chastening hand; stay the excess of rain, and cause Thy sun to shine, that the hope of a plentiful harvest being fulfilled, our barns may be stored with Thy bounty, and our souls have cause to rejoice and be glad in Thee. Above all, grant that the Sun of Righteousness may arise upon us with healing in His wings, and that Thy people, walking in the light of Thy countenance, may in Thy favour be more and more exalted, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## IV.

### THANKSGIVING FOR A FAVOURABLE CHANGE OF WEATHER.

WE thank Thee, O God, Giver of all good, that in Thy merciful providence Thou hast withdrawn from us that excessive [rain] [drought] with which we were visited, and by a seasonable change of weather hast revived our hopes of a prosperous and fruitful harvest. Continue to us, we beseech Thee, Thy loving-kindness, that the fruits of the earth may be fully matured and safely gathered. And help us to show our gratitude for Thy mercies, by growing in grace and bringing forth the fruits of righteousness, which are acceptable and well-pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## V.

### PRAYER IN TIME OF DEARTH OR FAMINE.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who orderest all things both in heaven and on earth, we acknowledge that by our manifold sins we have justly provoked Thee to take away our staff of bread and to turn our fruitful land into barrenness. Fill us with godly sorrow, we beseech Thee, for having in time past ungratefully forgotten and wickedly abused the bounties of Thy providence; and cause us, with truly penitent hearts, to return to Thee, hearing the rod and Him who hath appointed it.

Extend Thy pity in this season of distress to the poor, the helpless, the widow, and the orphan. And grant, in answer to these our unworthy prayers, that Thy just judgments may in mercy be removed, and our land again made to yield an abundant increase.

Remember Thy promise, that seed-time and harvest shall not cease while the earth remaineth; and give unto us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Above all, grant that our souls may no longer be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord, but that, enlightened and nourished by Thy grace, we may grow daily in all godliness, and bring forth abundantly the peaceable fruits of righteousness, to the honour of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## VI.

### THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST.

FATHER of mercies, from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift, we thank Thee that by Thy blessing on the labours of the husbandman, our fields have been made to yield an abundant harvest. Impress us with a sense of Thine unmerited goodness in crowning the year so liberally with Thy bounty. And enable us to show our gratitude by a sober, faithful, and charitable use of all Thy mercies, to the good of our brethren and the glory of Thy blessed name.

Keep us ever mindful of our dependence on Thee. Increase our trust in Thy fatherly care. And while Thou feedest our bodies with the meat that perisheth, may it please Thee evermore to give us that living bread whereby our souls shall be nourished unto eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## VII.

### FOR A TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who killest and makest alive, who turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men; we acknowledge the justice of that chastisement with which in Thy providence Thou hast been pleased to visit us; and most humbly do we beseech Thee, for the Redeemer's sake, to

have pity upon us, miserable sinners, and in the midst of deserved wrath to remember mercy. Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants. Deliver us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the destruction that wasteth at noonday. Keep us in safety, O Lord, we beseech Thee, for Christ's sake, and enable us all to trust continually in Thee.

Above all, grant that Thy judgments may induce us to search and try our ways, and turn unto the Lord; and that, exercising repentance towards Thee, and faith towards Thy beloved Son, we may be delivered from the plagues of our own evil hearts, saved from everlasting death, and raised to the hope of immortal life and glory, through Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose again; and to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be all honour and praise for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

## VIII.

### THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE IN ANY GREAT DANGER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, we desire to approach Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord, and to thank Thee for our deliverance in our time of peril.

We praise Thee for Thy goodness in sustaining us by a trust in Thy care and love while the time of danger lasted; and now we thank Thee that it is

past, and that we are spared in the land of the living and place of hope to glorify Thee upon the earth.

Enable us, we beseech Thee, to dedicate anew our lives, which have been spared by Thy mercy, to Thee and Thy service, and to show our thankfulness by seeking the advancement of Thy kingdom on earth. Seeing that Thou hast been pleased to save us in the time of temporal peril, be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us from all our spiritual danger likewise, and to grant unto us the eternal salvation which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—*Amen.*

## IX.

### THANKSGIVING FOR DELIVERANCE IN A STORM.

O GOD, to whom the shields of the earth belong, who layeth the beams of Thy chambers in the waters, who maketh the clouds Thy chariot, and walketh on the wings of the wind, we praise Thee that Thou hast seen fit to deliver us in this great storm. We thank Thee that we have been able to trust Thee amid the raging of the winds, and that Thou hast bidden the calm to come.

Thou hast been with us as we passed through the waters, and they have not overflowed us, and we are safe.

We praise Thee for Thy mercy, and humbly beseech Thee to enable us to trust Thee evermore, and to serve Thee continually. Keep us faithful unto death, and then do Thou give us a crown of life, and a

place in the eternal rest which remaineth unto Thy people. These things we ask only for Christ's sake. —*Amen.*

## X.

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE REMOVAL OF PESTILENCE.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly and heartily acknowledge Thy goodness in withdrawing from us that plague with which for our sins we have been visited. It is of Thy mercies, O Lord, that we are not consumed, and because Thy compassions fail not. Wherefore, we beseech Thee, help us, with grateful hearts and obedient lives, to show forth Thy praise. Suffer us not to be forgetful of the vows which our lips uttered while we were in trouble; but as Thou hast delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling, dispose us to walk before Thee in the land of the living.

Confirm us, O Lord, that we may ever be immovable in our fidelity to Thee, who hast dealt so mercifully with us. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

Graciously receive the tribute of our thanksgivings, and grant an answer to our prayers, for the Lord Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

## XI.

### PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who rulest in the kingdoms of the earth and governest among the nations, who makest the wrath of man to praise Thee, and restrainest the remainder thereof; grant us deliverance, we beseech Thee, from the evils of war, with which Thou hast afflicted us. Humble us under the chastening of Thy mighty hand. Work in us unfeigned repentance for those sins whereby we have provoked Thy righteous displeasure. And vouchsafe, in answer to our humble supplications, that all those calamities which now threaten us may be stayed, and that the blessings of peace may be speedily restored to us.

Endue our statesmen and councillors, we beseech Thee, with wisdom to devise, and energy to execute, such measures as are most expedient at this time; and grant that all that they do may be for Thy glory, and for the good of this nation and of all men.

We commend to Thy care our soldiers and sailors, beseeching Thee to support them in all hardships, and to give them defence and deliverance in all perils. Let Thy wisdom guide them, and Thy strength uphold them, and Thy grace inspire them with confidence and hope in Thee. Prepare them, O God, for whatever may befall them, that whether they live or die, they may be Thine. Cover their heads in the day of battle; and crown their arms with victory. So shall we, Thy

people, ascribe all praise and thanksgiving unto Thee, who art the Giver of every good thing.

Hear us, O God, from heaven Thy dwelling-place, and grant an answer of peace, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

## XII.

### THANKSGIVING FOR PEACE.

O LORD our God, who stillest alike the noise of the waves and the tumult of the people, who breakest the bow, and cuttest the spear in sunder, who burnest the chariot in the fire, and makest wars to cease unto the ends of the earth, we render praise and thanksgiving unto Thee for restoring to us the blessings of peace. Suffer us not to provoke Thee, by our wickedness, to visit us again with Thy judgments; but teach us to show our gratitude for Thy goodness by a sincere and constant obedience to Thy holy will; and help us, both as individuals and as a nation, to improve the peace so happily re-established, to the glory of Thy name, the advancement of Thy kingdom, the prosperity of our country, and the good of all mankind.

Hasten, we beseech Thee, that blessed time, when the Prince of Peace shall everywhere take to Himself His great power and reign, and when under His dominion nation shall no longer rise up against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Graciously hear our prayers and accept our praise, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, to whom, with Thee,

O Father, and with the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

## XIII.

### PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR.

ETERNAL GOD, our heavenly Father, with whom there is no beginning of days or end of years, and who watchest over Thy people always, we desire, on this last day of another year, to come before Thee with prayer and thanksgiving.

We humbly confess that during this year we have sinned times and ways without number. We have broken Thy law and wronged Thy love. We have misused Thy gifts, and have not lived according to our privileges. We have neglected Thine ordinances, and have not sought to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. We have been selfish, and worldly, and full of faithless care. We have not abounded in the work of the Lord, and have not sought the good of our fellow-men as we ought. All these things we confess unto Thee, and we ask Thee to pardon these our offences, and to enable us to repent of them and to turn from them; and we pray that, by the power of Christ keeping us and truly working in us, our will to serve Thee may prevail over all our sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, do Thou fit us for Thy service during all our appointed time on earth. Make us evermore patient and watchful as those who wait for the second coming of their Lord.

We thank Thee, O God, for all the mercies of the year that is now closing.

For every good thing that has been ours; for food and raiment and shelter, for health and reason; for the joys of home, for the love of friends, and for aid in duty; for opportunity of worship, and of work for Thee; for power to love Thee, and the strength which Thou hast given to overcome evil, and to hope for better things; for the promise of comfort in death, and of the eternal glory in heaven, given us through Christ our Lord, we render unto Thee unfeigned thanks, O God.

We would magnify Thy name together, O Thou King of saints, for it is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed, and because Thy compassions fail not. They have been new to us every morning; and great has been Thy faithfulness.

Teach us with thankfulness to remember all the way by which Thou hast brought us, and enable us anew to determine that henceforth we will love Thee, and serve Thee faithfully, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our Redeemer.

## XIV.

### PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF A YEAR.

O GOD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, enable us, we pray Thee for Christ's sake, with this new year, anew to dedicate ourselves and all we have to Thee. As we live by Thy grace, and rejoice in Thy bounty, may we be able to live

to Thy praise, and to serve Thee evermore with gladness.

Teach us, good Lord, to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, that all other things may be added unto us. Grant that our spiritual life may this year grow, and bear fruit unto Thy glory. Lord, increase our faith. Make our hope in heavenly things brighter and more enduring; and cause us to know the love of Christ, that we may love Thee with all our soul and strength and mind, and may love our neighbours as ourselves. May the passing years bring us nearer the gate of heaven, and nearer to Thee in Christ.

Impress us, O God, with an abiding sense of the shortness and uncertainty of our lives, and so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us grace to redeem the time we have spent in sloth, vanity, and wickedness, by greater earnestness and diligence in the work of preparation for eternity. Grant that, as our days are multiplied, our holy resolutions may be strengthened; and that, as we draw ever nearer to the grave, we may constantly grow in our conformity to Thine image, and in our meetness to inherit Thy heavenly kingdom.

Into Thy hands, O God, we commit ourselves, beseeching Thee, who hast blessed us hitherto, to bless us still. Prosper us in our lawful undertakings. Keep us from all the evil that is in the world. Prepare us for all events that may befall us. Grant that, whether in prosperity or in adversity, in health or in sickness, in life or in death, we may be upheld and comforted with the assurance that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. And make us to be so rooted and grounded in the faith, and so

abundantly fruitful in good works, that in what hour soever our Lord shall come, we may be found of Him in peace, and may receive that crown of righteousness which is laid up for them that love His appearing.

Graciously hear us, O God, and have mercy on us, for the Lord Jesus' sake.—*Amen.*

## XV.

### PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

LORD GOD of hosts, who hast said that in every place incense shall be offered unto Thy name, and a pure offering, and hast declared that from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, Thy name shall be great among the Gentiles; send forth the light of Thy Gospel into all lands, and pour out the grace of Thy Spirit upon all flesh, that Thy righteousness may be openly shown in the sight of the heathen, and that the whole earth may be filled with Thy glory.

Look with compassion on all heathen nations; and hasten the time when they shall be turned from idols to the worship of Thee, the only true and living God. Where gross darkness covers the people let there be light.

Have mercy on those lands, once highly favoured with the light of Thy glorious Gospel, which are now enslaved by the delusions of the false prophet; and grant that therein a great and effectual door may soon be opened for the preaching of the Word of life.

Remember, O Lord, Thy mercy and Thy truth to-

wards the house of Israel. Take from their hearts the veil that hinders them from seeing the fulfilment of Thy promises to their fathers. And teach them to acknowledge Thy Son Jesus to be their Lord and Christ.

Enable all men to believe that in Christ Thy Son is life eternal and redemption for mankind. Cause them by Thy Spirit to accept the gift of eternal life freely offered in the Gospel.

Guide all seekers after truth. Show them the living truth, and enable them to believe it, and hold it fast unto life eternal. Confirm those who have recently believed in Christ, and stablish them in the faith. Build up and enlighten congregations of Christians in heathen lands, and grant that they may shine as lights in dark places.

Truly, O Lord, the harvest is plenteous and the labourers are few. Send forth, we pray Thee, labourers into Thy harvest. Put it into the hearts of many to devote themselves to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of such as have already gone forth to do this work. Aid them in their labours; counsel them in their difficulties; defend them in their dangers; support them in their trials and discouragements. Make them the means in Thy hand of turning many from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto Thee.

Arise, O God, and plead Thine own cause. Remove every hindrance by which it is obstructed. Bring to nought every device by which it is opposed. Overrule all the changes that take place among the kingdoms of the earth for its furtherance and advancement. Take unto Thyself Thy great power and reign. And let

Thy glory be everywhere revealed, that all flesh may see it together.

We ask these things for the honour of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; to whom, with Thee and with the Holy Spirit, be glory and majesty, dominion and blessing, both now and ever.—*Amen.*

## XVI.

### PRAYER FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst so love the world as to give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life, we bless Thee that Thou hast made known unto us the Gospel of Thy grace; and we thank Thee that Thou hast called us to be fellow-workers with Thee in making Thy way known upon the earth, and Thy saving health among all nations.

Send forth, we beseech Thee, a spirit of enlightenment and reformation among all professing Christians.

Deliver them from the bondage of ignorance, worldliness, and unbelief.

Heal their unhappy divisions and dissensions, so that they may dwell as brethren in unity, and strive together with one mind for the faith of the Gospel. Supply unto them, wherever it is needful, the means of Christian instruction and improvement. And let Thy Word have free course and be glorified among them, by the conversion of sinners, and the building up of saints in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Gracious God, who hast taught us to seek the advancement and prosperity of Thy kingdom, bestow Thy special favour, we beseech Thee, on all efforts that are being used by Churches or by Christian societies for furthering the cause of truth and godliness throughout the world. Give wisdom to the counsels, and energy to the work, of those to whose superintendence they are intrusted. And dispose the hearts of Thy people everywhere to pray earnestly, and to contribute liberally, in their behalf.

Grant that the Church of Christ may prevail, and that it may shine as the light, proclaiming Christ Himself the light of the world. In our nation may the glory of Christ be seen in our good works for our fellow-countrymen, and for all men.

We entreat Thee, O Lord, holy Father, everlasting God, command the way of Thy truth to be shown to those of Thy children who wander in sin and doubt, amid the darkness of this world; that the eyes of their souls may be opened; and that they may acknowledge Thee the Father in the Son, and the Son in the Father with the Holy Spirit, and enjoy the fruit of this confession, both here and in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## XVII.

### PRAYER FOR A SCHOOL.

GRACIOUS GOD, on whom we ever depend, and without whom we can do nothing, grant us, in the duties to which we are now called, the aid of Thy strength and the guidance of Thy wisdom. Teach us

in all our ways to acknowledge Thee. And whatsoever we do, in word or in deed, enable us to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Regard with favour the young persons now before Thee. Dispose them to receive instruction. Enable them to consider it, and to profit by it. And grant that, by Thy blessing and aid, they may be trained up for usefulness in this life, and for glory, honour, and immortality in the life to come.

Give unto all of us Thy Holy Spirit, to convince us of sin, to bring us to the knowledge of Jesus Christ our only Saviour, and to guide us in the paths of righteousness. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Keep us from all the evil that is in the world. Guide us by Thy counsel while we live, and afterwards receive us into glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

## XVIII.

### ANOTHER PRAYER FOR A SCHOOL.

FATHER of lights, with whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge, we implore the aid and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit in the work for which we are here met together. Enable us to perform our allotted tasks with diligence. Encourage us with Thy favour; further us with Thy help; and give us such success as seemeth good to Thee, who orderest all things well and wisely for us.

Grant that the *teacher* [or *teachers*] of this school may be taught of Thee. Impress *him* with a deep sense of *his* responsibility. And whatsoever *he* does,

dispose *him* to do it heartily, not with eye-service, as pleasing men, but with singleness of heart, as unto Thee.

Bestow Thy favour on the pupils of this school. Prepare their minds meekly to receive instruction. Make them to be teachable, orderly, and submissive. And grant that, by Thy blessing on their studies, they may more and more acquire those stores of useful knowledge, and cultivate those habits of diligence and attention, which will qualify them for the duties of after life.

Give unto all of us the knowledge of Thy Word, which is able to make us wise unto salvation. Teach us to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. Grant us for His sake the pardon of all our sins. Adopt us into Thy family, and cause us to love Thee and trust in Thee as our Father in heaven. Sanctify our hearts by Thy grace, and incline us to walk in the way of Thy commandments. Preserve us from evil companionships and examples, and from all the snares of a wicked world. Encompass us with Thy favour as with a shield, and bring us at last to the glories of Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

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